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EDS studies Illinois well site

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Environmental Disposal Systems of Birmingham has offered to create a liquid deep well injection project (similar to one proposed in Romulus) in the city of Marshall, Ill.

A press release from the office of Marshall Mayor Richard Smitley was read to the Romulus City Council last week by Royal Lilly, a spokesperson for Romulus Environmentalists Caring About People (RECAP).

The press release dated Dec. 11, 1995 stated, "Marshall has been approached by a company, EDS, to see if our community would be receptive to EDS locating a facility in our area."

Smitley's letter said that deep well injection method asked for by EDS was "used by Velsicol for approximately 25 years to dispose of much of their waste in Marshall."

The mayor's press release also stated "after the first presentation by EDS on Dec. 4 to the mayor and council, it was apparent that much more study of this type of project would need to be done."

"This news release is an effort to keep our citizens informed of this potential project and to make certain that correct and accurate facts are presented to the public."

"Marshall has been assured by EDS that none of the liquids to be disposed of would be flammable, explosive or radioactive," the mayor's notice concluded.

EDS Vice President Austin Marshall was quoted in Illinois as saying without the city of Marshall's cooperation EDS would not locate a deep well facility there.

Garbage code is tightened

Romulus residents and business operators will soon be required to place their weekly refuse at the sidewalk no earlier than 4 p.m. the day prior to pickup.

They also will be ordered to take their empty containers back off the sidewalk by no later than 9 p.m. the day the pickup has been made.

The ordinance amendments were the last piece of legislation requested by the late Mayor pro tem Mary Ann Banks, Councilman William Wadsworth said last week.

Banks had said earlier that she was asking the council to take such actions because some residents and business persons were placing their receptacles at their curb late on Friday afternoon to ensure their pickup early on Mondays.

Such actions, Banks said, made it rather unsightly over the weekend particularly in the downtown business areas.

The ordinance sets a fine of up to \$500 and 90 days imprisonment (or both) if found guilty of violating the ordinance.



Adoptions sought

Romulus Animal Control officer Kim Matthews gets an affectionate smooch from an unnamed dog at the animal shelter during the Christmas holidays. She hopes to find a home for the affectionate canine. Animal control officers in neighboring communities and the Westland Humane Society also have dogs, cats and other household pets ready for adoption in the new year. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

New rec director unveils winter plans

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

New Romulus Recreation Director Debbie Dick's first mid-winter schedule has been released.

Dick, who took over her position in December, formerly served in the same position from 1984-1989. Her list of activities includes gymnastics, karate, jazz/tap dance classes, cheerleading, quilting, ceramics and teen/adult basketball.

The gymnastics techniques are offered by the Tumblebunnies every Thursday (beginning Jan. 11) at Wick School. A second series of programs will begin on March 7. The cost is \$33 for each series.

Pre-registration needs to be completed by Jan. 10 at the Recreation Department on Bibbins.

Age groups include preschool, ages one and a half to four (6 to 6:45 p.m.), early elementary, ages five to seven (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.) and upper elementary and juniors, ages 8 and up (7:30 to 8:15 p.m.).

Karate classes will be taught by world-certified Lee McElwaney every Tuesday and Thursday starting Jan. 9 at Merriam School. Sessions are conducted from 6 to 8:45 p.m.



Debbie Dick

A Cheer America cheerleading and pom instruction program will be conducted on Wednesdays at Barth School, beginning Jan. 10. Registration must be completed with Cheer America, not the Recreation Department. The program costs \$4 per class and the fee must be paid at the beginning of each session. Class times vary from 5 to 8 p.m.

Beginning and intermediate keyboard classes taught by Sandra Patillo (ages 6 to 12) will be offered Tuesdays starting Jan. 10. Times range from 5:30 to 6:30 and cost \$30 for six sessions. Children need to pre-register at the Recreation Department office.

Drop-in quilting classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Thursdays and ceramics drop-in classes at 6 p.m. Monday. Both will be held at the Recreation Building.

Drop-in adult basketball sessions for any Romulus resident 19 years or older will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Romulus Middle School. The fee is \$2 and players need to have the proper ID.

Similar sessions for junior and senior high school students

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Citizen-hero helps nab angry student vandal

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An anonymous sharp-eyed and determined vandalism victim helped Romulus police nab an angry 18-year-old college student and his 13-year-old relative for smashing windows in more than 50 homes and cars in the past four months in Romulus and Van Buren Township.

The spree also included homes and cars in Wayne and Taylor.

Romulus Youth Officer Jeff Lazarski credited the victim/witness for halting the massive crime spree that also involved homes and cars in the four communities since last August.

The adult's name cannot be released yet, Lazarski said, since the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has not decided what charges will be filed in the wanton destruction cases that even included the smashing of a \$1,000 Burger King window.

Lazarski said the college student smashed the Burger King window, because he said the workers there "screwed up my order." Other persons were victimized, the youth officer said, because they looked at the suspect "funny" and he would return later in the day and smash the windows of their homes or cars with sling-shot type weapons.

The vandalisms started in late August, Lazarski said, and ended on Dec. 22, one day after the youths shot out the window of the victim's car.

The victim spotted the college student's "old beat-up blue car" when the vandalism occurred on Dec. 21 in front of his home, Lazarski said. The hero chased the suspect in his own car, but lost him that night.

But the next day on the way to work, Lazarski reported, the citizen spotted the suspect's unique blue car (minus its hubcaps), while he was waiting for a train to pass on Shook

Road.

He was able to follow the suspect's car to the hotel area of Romulus and alerted police with his cellular phone. Police were then able to respond to his call and arrest the 18-year-old.

Police confiscated two sling-shot weapons, Lazarski said, as well as a number of pellets.

Hours and hours of work went into this investigation, Lazarski said, until the citizen hero chased after the suspect and helped police in the arrest. The private citizen does not want any personal publicity on the arrest, Lazarski said.

"I'm going to put up this man for a city award," the youth officer said. "He is so humble that he keeps on saying the police did it," Lazarski said, but "we never could have made the arrest at that time without his invaluable help."

The prosecutor's office is expected to make a decision soon on the number and type of charges that will be filed.

City salaries

Rarey asks automatic hikes end

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An apologetic citizen critic James Rarey admitting making some earlier mistakes on city salary issues Tuesday night, but still pressed the Romulus City Council to agree to make a two-thirds vote on future decisions to hike city pay rates.

Rarey, picking up from his comments a week before, said the council should kill its pay raise ordinance and go back to the original concept expressed by the Romulus City Charter. That early charter ordered such pay hikes for the elected city officials need to be voted on rather than just have them increased automatically unless opposed by two-thirds of the council.

The automatic salary hike issue, approved five years after Romulus became a city, concerns pay rates for the mayor, city clerk, treasurer

and council members. It first drew the ire of Rarey at the Dec. 27, 1995 council meeting.

He argued at that time that the council can only block such automatic pay hikes by a two-thirds vote.

"If the the council does nothing, then the raises go through automatically," Rarey complained.

"I feel it should be the reverse. It should take a two-thirds vote to approve such a pay increase," Rarey stressed.

Councilwoman Mary Collins agreed with Rarey saying, "I've only been in office since Nov. 7 and I don't think I deserve a \$181 pay raise a month later. Because this was passed as an ordinance earlier doesn't mean it is right!"

Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear asked Rarey, "What do you want? Do you want us to vote on the raises?"

Rarey shot back, "No, just amend the ordinance!" Rarey

said he felt the pay hike scales were fair, he was just objecting to the system they were awarded.

The pay hikes as set up by the Romulus Officers Compensation Commission calls for the pay raises to begin Jan. 14.

The mayor's salary would jump from \$55,166 to \$56,821; the clerk and treasurer's from \$45,618 to \$46,987 and council members from \$6,050 to \$6,418.

When Rarey rose to speak on Tuesday night, he also complained that he did not feel that the council should have the right to approve items that are not on the advance printed city council agenda.

In recent years, last minute items have been added to the agenda at the start of the night's meeting and sometimes voted on. Rarey objected to that style, stating many citizens would like to speak out on

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Help for needy

Members of the New Era Men's Club in Inkster are joined by Mayor Edward Bivens Jr. as they distributed food to the needy during the holidays at the Inkster Town Center. During 1995, an outpouring of generosity was witnessed in the six Western Wayne County communities. As the need continues in 1996, organizations are pledged to continue their good work. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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CLUBS, GROUPS

WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB-- is a non-profit organization registered with the State of Michigan (#798258). The club offers classes for beginner obedience as well as Puppy Headstart programs. Classes are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting Jan. 9 and 10. For more information call 476-8650.

GOLDEN HOUR CLUB in Wayne enjoys cards, travel, friends and fun. A pot luck luncheon/business meeting takes place 10:30 a.m. every Thursday for seniors 55 years old and older. For more information call the Wayne Senior Services Office at 721-7460.

SOMETIMES TRAVELLERS offers travel to very unique places with old and new friends. All the details of the various excursions are taken care of by the Wayne Senior Services Office. For information on the next trips or to join Sometimes Travellers call 721-7460.

A CHILD NEEDS YOU--Vista Maria is looking for responsible

Skating event

The 20th Annual ISIA Team Competition event at the Wayne Community Center was a big success with hundreds of skaters filing in from many cities and states to show off their talent for the judges. Figure skating director Janis Rychlinski, the Wayne Figure Skating Booster Club and the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department worked many hours to guarantee the success of the event which took place last month. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Inkster Planning Commission on Monday, January 22, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 to consider proposed amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the City or Village Zoning Act 207 of 1921, as amended.

The following summarizes the regulatory effect of the text amendments.

Section 155.035 R-1A Through R-1C One-Family Residential Districts and Section 155.036 R-2 Two-Family Residential Districts, Subsections (B) amended to include adult day care centers as special conditions uses, subject to the following conditions:

- One on-site parking space shall be provided for each employee, in addition to the parking required for the dwelling unit or units, the driveway may be used for this purpose.
- The property (architecture and landscaping) shall be maintained in a manner that is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.
- A designated passenger loading/unloading area of adequate dimensions to avoid disruption of surface street traffic flow and surrounding driveways shall be provided near a barrier-free entrance to the facility.
- All exterior lighting of entryways, parking spaces, or loading/unloading areas shall not reflect onto adjacent properties and, preferably, should be motion activated.

Section 155.037 RM Restricted Multiple Dwelling District, Section 155.038 RM-1 Multiple-Family Residential District (Low Rise), and Section 155.039 RM-2 Multiple-Family Residential District (High Rise), Subsections (B) amended to include adult day care centers as permitted principal uses.

Section 155.037 RM Restricted Multiple Dwelling District, Section 155.038 RM-1 Multiple-Family Residential District (Low Rise), and Section 155.039 RM-2 Multiple-Family Residential District (High Rise), Subsections (C) amended to include juvenile runaway shelters as special conditions uses, subject to the following conditions:

- One on-site parking shall be provided for each employee, in addition to the parking required for the dwelling units.
- The property (architecture and landscaping) shall be maintained in a manner that is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.
- All exterior lighting of entryways, parking spaces, or loading/unloading areas shall not reflect onto adjacent properties and, preferably, should be motion activated.
- A minimum of 150 square feet of outdoor play area is provided and maintained for each child housed within the shelter. Such play space shall have a total minimum area of at least 5,000 square feet and shall be fenced or screened from any adjoining residence in any residential district.

Section 155.044 B-3 General Business District, Subsection (C) amended to include automobile body shops containing paint booths as special conditions uses, subject to the following conditions:

- There shall be no outside display of any parts and/or products.
- Any repair and/or replacement activity shall be conducted within a totally enclosed building.
- All new, used, and/or discarded parts shall be stored within a completely enclosed building.
- Any such activity shall be located not less than ten feet from a property line.
- There shall be no outside parking and/or storage of any partially dismantled or inoperative vehicles, except within a totally screened and secure outside storage facility. Such outside storage facility shall not be located within the front yard.
- There shall be no releasing of toxic gases, liquids, or materials in any form into the atmosphere, water, sewer system, or on or into the earth. No portion of said activity shall adversely affect adjacent property or development.
- A six foot high obscuring wall shall be provided on those sides abutting a residential district.
- Ingress and egress shall be provided so as to not conflict with adjacent business uses or adversely affect traffic.

Since it is the intent and purpose of the City of Inkster to adopt reasonable regulations for juvenile detention centers in the City so as to minimize the adverse affects caused by this activity on the public health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within the City and since the purpose of the locational requirements is to protect and preserve the quality of life in the City, Section 155.045 M-1 Light Industrial District, Subsection (C) amended to include juvenile detention centers as special conditions uses, subject to the following conditions:

- The minimum lot area shall be three acres, exclusive of rights-of-way.
- The site shall be so located as to have at least one property line abutting a thoroughfare of not less than 60 feet, either existing or proposed, and all points of vehicular ingress and egress to the site shall be directly onto said thoroughfare.
- No main structure shall be located closer than 75 feet to any property line or right-of-way line.
- No juvenile detention center shall be located within 150 feet of any zoned residential.

Copies of the amendments or the amendments along with the rest of the Zoning Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Inkster Community Development Department, Inkster City Hall, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 (313) 563-9760. Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the Public Hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Director, 2121 Inkster road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, January 22, 1996. Please reference Case No. PC 96-01 in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Lawrence Chastang, Chairman
City of Inkster Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, JANUARY 16, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. (or as scheduled on the agenda). The following Special Approval request:

CONSIDER REQUEST OF PITTER PATTTER DAY CARE CENTER TO OPEN A CHILDREN'S DAY CARE FACILITY IN FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6020 DENTON ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111.

Cindy C. King, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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adults who can provide a teenage girl with a loving, nurturing home and assist her in growing successfully toward adulthood. The Vista Maria Specialized Foster Care Program offers a unique, innovative approach to providing a family environment to teenage girls, ages 11-17. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent in the Vista Maria Foster Care Program, please call Kim-Garrett-Gorree, at 271-3050, ext. 115.

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CHADD--of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 5 Mile Road, located two blocks east of the Farmington and 5 Mile Road intersection. CHADD is a non-profit, parent-based organization formed to better the lives of individuals with attention disorders and those who care for them. The meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. and will be a rap and discussion group. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. The CHADD information line is (810) 380-0847.

THE LEARNING DISABILITY ASSOCIATION--has formed a new group in the area. Any persons with an interest in Attention Deficit Disorder or Learning Disabilities, may have an interest in attending the meeting. For more information about the organizations or the next scheduled meeting call 941-4249 or 941-7330.

RED CROSS OFFERS PRE-MARITAL--health counseling to help couples meet the state requirements for a marriage license. Michigan law mandates premarital counseling so that engaged couples learn about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS prior to marriage. The hour-long session is taught by a Red Cross-certified instructor at service centers throughout the tri-county area. The \$12 fee benefits other Red Cross services in southeastern Michigan. For further information and to make reservations call (810) 967-0336.

THE CIVIC AIR PATROL--squadron at Willow Run Airport meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Membership is open to youths 13 to 18 years old and adults. For more information call 313-529-5732.

THE WINDBAGGER, AN OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP--meets at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 9000 Wick in Allen Park. For more information call Mary - President - at 941-8388 or Helen at 388-2947.

FIRST STEP PROGRAM--First Step a non-profit social service agency specializing in domestic violence and sexual assault will be providing education, support and counseling services. The program is called "Children - The Forgotten Victims. Take A 'First Step' For Your Child" is for children ages 6-18 years of age and is made possible through a special grant from United Way of Southeastern Michigan for Children and Youth in crisis. For more information call 453-9596. Help is also available

able for men, women and children affected by violence by calling the 24 hour helpline at (313) 459-5900.

WOOL GATHERERS KNITTING GUILD-- meets from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Salvation Army Building, 9451 South Main Street in Plymouth. For more information call Mildred at 721-1853 or Jon at 471-5785. All knitters welcome including men knitters.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVERS-- a new support group for Alzheimer's caregivers will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. John Neumann, 4480 Warren Road in Canton Township. All meetings are free and everyone is welcome. For more information please call Rosemarie Shim at 697-8051 or Anna Lilla at the Alzheimer's Association at 557-8277.

AEROBICS CLASSES--for women, men and families are offered from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the YWCA of western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster. Come as often as you like Mondays and Thursdays. Each session is \$2 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. To register or for more information call 561-4110.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAY-CEES--will meet at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For further information, phone 453-8407.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT GROUP--for moms of all ages in the Belleville area. For more information, phone 697-4409.

SOUTHEAST SUBURBAN MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB--meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. Phone 942-9678.

THE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL--A support group for families will meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Annapolis Hospital Westland Center in conference room A. Phone Peggy Morey at 562-2274 for further information.

LEADS CLUB, DEARBORN CHAPTER--will meet at 7:30 a.m. each Thursday at the Marriott Residence Inn in Dearborn. The club offers business people an effective means to increase their business. Phone Ed Jarvis at 277-0300.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS--Members of the support group for overeaters meet at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland, every Monday at Growth Works, Inc. in Plymouth and every Thursday at Unity Church in Inkster. Phone 545-LIFE.

ALANON--meets at 10 a.m. every Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Meetings are closed to the general public. For information phone 461-6031.

TOPS--Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at United Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Road in Belleville, at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Basic adult membership dues are \$16 annually first 2 years and \$14 subsequently. Chapter weekly dues are \$1. If you would like to locate any chapter call (1-800) 932-8677.

BETHANY, WEST CHAPTER--is a Catholic support group for the divorced and separated. The group plays wallyball in the Westland area on Fridays. Singles and their children 12 and older are welcome. There is a \$3 fee. Contact Dave at 453-0432 for more information.

AMBASSADOR JUNIOR CIVITANS--will meet 7 p.m. at the Historical Meeting House located at 36993 Marquette the first and third Tuesday of each month. New members between the ages of 13 and 18 are sought for community service activities.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)--Wayne County Chapter has a Victim Support Group for the victims and surviving family members/friends of drunk driving accidents. Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Gabriel Richard Campus Ministry Building, U of M Dearborn Campus, 3001 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Call the MADD office at 422-MADD for more information.

ROMULUS NEWS DIGEST

Rivers visit slated Jan. 27

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers has slated a public forum on the U.S. budget at Romulus High School auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 27.

Rivers had scheduled a similar forum in Romulus earlier, but it had to be postponed because of action being attempted on the same budget issues, she plans to discuss here.

"The theme, Everything You Want to Know about the Budget, is intended to demystify the federal budget-making process," Rivers said. At that time she will review how the budget is created in Washington, discuss the budget debates, and tell what considerations are involved in allocating the nation's funds. A question and answer session will follow.

The forum is open free to the public. Further information can be obtained by calling 722-1411.

2 citizens named to downtown unit

The Rev. Donald (Mike) McClellan, pastor of the Romulus Wesleyan Church, and Dolores Valdez, owner and operator of the Polka Dot Party Pantry, have been named by Mayor William Oakley to serve as members of the Downtown Development Authority.

Their terms expire in December 1999.

City Treasurer James Napiorkowski also was added to the DDA unit as its treasurer.

Hikes

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such issues, but are blocked by the lack of knowledge they would be on the agenda.

Rarey recommended that only memorial resolutions and issues that carry the unanimous consent of the attending council members should be allowed to be voted on.

Rarey and Gear got into a minor verbal tiff, when Gear told Rarey he had passed his allotted three minutes.

Rarey then snapped, "If I switch to injection well issues can I have more time, like others that have appeared here?"

Mr. Rarey your three minutes are up.
- Randolph Gear

Gear calmly retorted, "Mr. Rarey your three minutes are up."

Councilwoman Mary Collins then came to Rarey's defense, complaining that the mayor pro tem has repeatedly treated Rarey with disrespect.

"I can see strongly enforcing the three-minute rule when we have a chamber filled with citizens wishing to discuss various issues," Collins said. "But the chair should use some discretion when there are a limited number of speakers and some want to speak on numerous issues."

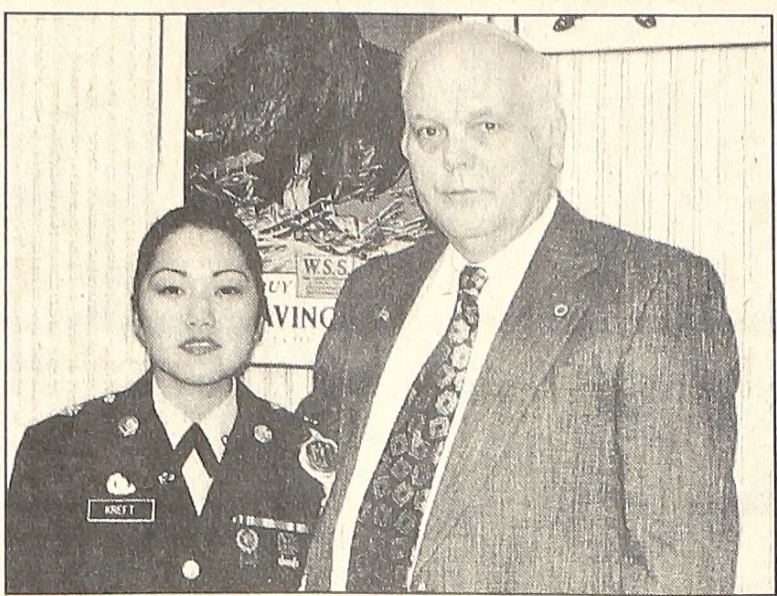
The new councilwoman said she felt the council owed Rarey an apology for repeated rudeness. Upon hearing none, Collins offered her own apology to the citizen protester.

Gear however continued to insist that he treated Rarey with no disrespect and actually gave him more than the allotted three minutes to speak.

A second salary issue arose also at the Dec. 27th meeting, when Gear questioned Oakley about his top aide Thomas Morris' salary level and job description, since apparently it will be a newly created position.

Oakley reminded Gear that he promised to have such information ready for the council in early to mid-January.

Since reportedly some of Oakley's early appointments will be working at lower starting salaries than their predecessors, the "savings" from those pay scales would be used to fund Morris' salary.



Safe at home

U.S. Army Specialist Susan Kreft of Romulus and her father, Stanley, chairman of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, are shown during their brief stop at the *Michigan Community Newspapers* office, during her Christmas leave from Germany. Her husband, Juan Tovar, also a member of the U.S. Army, has been deployed to Bosnia. For a period of time Susan expected she also would be sent to join that peace keeping operation there, but instead got a two week furlough to come home. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

Pet adoptions still available

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Lovable cats and dogs currently are awaiting new homes today at the Romulus Animal Control Headquarters at 35255 Goddard Road, Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews revealed last week.

Matthews posed briefly with a four-month old mixed breed dog, who gave her a loving lick on her cheek while she was being interviewed (see photo on page one).

Persons wishing to adopt an animal at the shelter must be at least 18 years of age, Matthews revealed. The fee usually is \$5.

At the time of the visit by staff members of the *Romulus Roman*, Matthews said three cats and nine dogs ranging in

age from three months to six years where being housed at the shelter.

With pet adoptions, Matthews said, the shelter provides samples of food, treats and items such as flea powder.

Among the animal species passing through the shelter at various times are birds, rabbits, ferrets, as well as a wide variety of cats and dogs. A coupon for a free first medical and dental exam with a local veterinarian also is given the adoption person.

A list of possible dog names also is provided if requested, ranging in style from royal types such as Duke or Major to miscellaneous names such as Scrappy or Curley.

For further information call 942-7591 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Jazz and tap dancing classes will begin also on Jan. 9 at the city's recreation building. Classes are available for those five years and older. Classes will be offered by the Downriver Conservatory of Dance Arts.

Classes will be held between 5 and 8 p.m. and will last 30 to 45 minutes each. The cost is \$27 for an eight-week series of classes.

Plans

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dents will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. (junior high students) and 7:30 p.m. (senior high students). Sessions are conducted at Merriman School. Cost is \$1. The 10 week class costs \$10. Youngsters must be seven years old or older. Registration must occur by Jan. 9.

Jazz and tap dancing classes will begin also on Jan. 9 at the city's recreation building. Classes are available for those five years and older. Classes will be offered by the Downriver Conservatory of Dance Arts.

Official newspaper status changes

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Despite pleadings by Ron Spielman of the *Michigan Community Newspapers* to have the city rebid for its city legal advertisements contract, the City Council with some hesitation voted 5-1 last Wednesday to give the official newspaper status to the *News-Herald* for 1996.

Spielman said the parent company of the *Romulus Roman* newspaper made an error in not having its advertising bid into the City Clerk's office on time.

However, he asked the City Council to also consider the fact that the *Roman* has six times the circulation in Romulus than the *News-Herald*, has had a full-time reporter covering the city for the past five years and its late bid was well below the *News-Herald's* bid.

Spielman also asked the council if the other newspaper would place their legal ads in the front section of the newspaper as the *Roman* always does and if the opposition would offer Romulus a full time reporter to cover its city.

Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear told Spielman "we have a bidding process here and the *News-Herald* was the only qualified bidder to enter a complete bid on time. We have to abide with the legal process,



Councilwoman Mary Collins

we don't want to be sued."

Councilmen William Crova, William Wadsworth and Michael Prybyla said their first choice in the bids would have been the *Roman*, but unfortunately it entered no bid on time.

Darryl Futo of the *News-Herald* admitted his paper needed to work on its circulation in Romulus and said it would have a part-time reporter covering the city.

Futo couldn't guarantee the same depth of coverage for Romulus that the *News-Herald*

'Ho-ho' is not a 4-letter word

OK, it's officially 1996 and time to lighten up folks!

We were glad to hear that some formerly stressed out Romulus residents found out that "ho-ho" was not to be considered a four-letter word over the holidays and actually said they were merry at various times before, during or after the be-witching hour on Dec. 31.

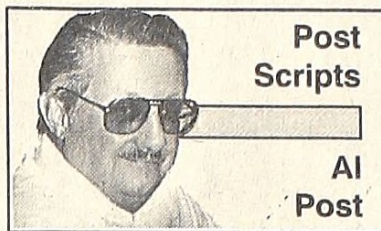
Others are hoping that the extended vacation days city workers and other area residents enjoyed in the last week or two will switch emotional tones also.

While no major New Years' resolutions were broadcast by anyone in the city within this writer's eardrums, it was felt generally most conservative residents were not unveiling such life-style changes because they know what has happened to such resolutions in past years.

But despite their caution, most citizens over 30 are strongly hoping that a new upbeat tempo arrives soon within the city.

But some are so cautious they won't even admit to being over 30.

Even Councilman Jimmie Raspberry (who admits to being over 30 and someday plans to play the leading role in the life-story of James Earl Jones) realizes that he is one of the only veteran politicians active today, who can still call my vet-



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eran newspaper colleague Tom Mooradian by the term "kid."

Tom, meantime, said he can remember when both he and Jimmie had dark hair.

In the police realm locally, Romulus officers received an early Christmas gift when they got a phone tip from a private citizen on a long sought vandal, who caused thousands of dollars worth of damage over four months in Romulus.

The mild-mannered hero prefers not to go public with his name, but we in the press along with the 50 or more vandalism victims totally support Youth Officer Jeff Lazarski's effort to put the up to this time nameless hero's actions up for a city award.

Police Chief Daryl Poe feels strongly that police work in Romulus is only as effective as its ties with the community allow it to be.

Thus a personal tip from the public has shown once again that it is even more effective than long-term police stake-outs, etc.

Such actions need to be

high-lighted in Romulus, as well as other communities, if the growing feeling that our social and justice systems just don't work any more are to be debunked.

Here's to you Mr. X. We are proud of you...even if your name is really Mr. Y or Mr. Z.

With the comic strip *Calvin and Hobbes* having been put to sleep on Jan. 1, 1996 by its creator, we need others to pick up the comedy slack. What better way to do it, than to talk to Romulus residents!

Any volunteers to join the humor brigade? Line forms to the right for all conservatives and to the left for all those of the L-word persuasion. C'mon we need even lines now.

Post Scripts II Arthur McPhalarin, the Romulus School District's technology chief, will be glad to know that a middle-aged Romulus mother quipped, "Art is no substitute for George Gallup."

The comment was spurred by McPhalarin's claim that he did a survey on substitute pay rates in surrounding communities, leading Romulus School Board members to substantially hike sub-pay in the Romulus district.

The woman smiled and quipped, "Hey I knew George Gallup. George was a friend of mine. And Art, you are no George Gallup."

Topless bar stock switched

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A major stock switch for the controversial Landing Strip Lounge that offers topless dancing in downtown Romulus was approved Tuesday night by the Romulus City Council, 6-0.

Attorney Dean Kallus appearing for Nappco Inc. asked for the transfer of all stock in the lounge from current stockholder Thomas Nappo to his wife, Susan D. Nappo.

The request stated plainly that the move was not a "sale of the business or a transfer of ownership, but merely a paper transfer of stock."

A police investigation recommended approval to transfer the Class C (liquor by the glass for consumption on premises), but asked denial of the SDM (license to sell beer and wine for consumption off premises).

A straw poll of the six council members in attendance found the majority favored supporting the police department's recommendation. But some council members said they were confused by the recommended denial for the off premises consumption license.

Mayor William Oakley said he had called Police Chief Daryl Poe earlier in the day

and was told "the denial was urged because the police department felt there were enough party stores in the area to handle the need."

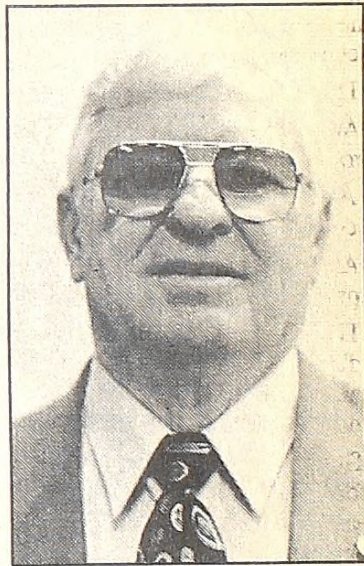
Council members Michael Prybyla and Mary Collins said they favored approving both portions, since both licenses had been granted to Nappo years ago.

But Kallus said since the state liquor commission made the final decision anyway, his client was satisfied with the limited approval on the local level.

Councilman William Crova made the motion for the ap-

proval of the Class C license only and it was supported by Councilwoman Deborah Romak. It was approved by a 6-0 vote, with Councilman Jimmie Raspberry absent.

In an unrelated issue, Crova told his fellow council members that he had received numerous complaints about the poor cable television audio transmission of the Dec. 27 council meeting. Crova called it "disgraceful" that the city's cable system worked so poorly that night, particularly when the handheld microphone that citizen speakers use provided such garbled tones.



New leaders

Mayor William Oakley officially introduced his administration's new team leaders last week at a regular City Council meeting. They included (top level) David Paul, director of the Department of Public Works, left, and Hubert Staten, DPW deputy director; right; bottom row, Rita McLenon, Oakley's administrative assistant, left, and Anita Johnson, city personnel director, right. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

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It has now been 19 days since our federal government was ordered to close its doors. Whether you favor the Congress or President Bill Clinton's position in this stalemate, one thing is a sure bet—very few of us have been inconvenienced by the furlough of hundreds of thousands of federal government workers.

Here's a few thoughts I have on what many Washington insiders consider to be a full-fledged crisis:

—I received a phone message last week from what appeared to be a very frenzied, Jennifer Murphy. She reputedly was a member of the Speaker of the House's staff, the one and only Newt Gingrich. The message indicated they needed to talk to me in a hurry. She said, "You, being one of Michigan's top business leaders needs to know about rapidly developing things that are happening now in Washington. Please call immediately!"

Who wouldn't call after that message? Here's Newt stroking me big time—calling me one of Michigan's top business leaders and wanting to talk to me immediately. I couldn't get to the phone fast enough.

Soon, I found out the joke was on me. I returned the call. Newt wasn't available. Neither was Jennifer. However, I did get a colleague of Jennifer's, and lo and behold, she did not work for our esteemed speaker. Nor did she work for the Republican National Committee, or anyone at all in Washington. Jennifer worked for a telemarketing firm. Jennifer was hawking replicas of the gavel Newt supposedly uses to declare "The House is now in session!" The asking price for this chunk of history — a paltry \$250!"

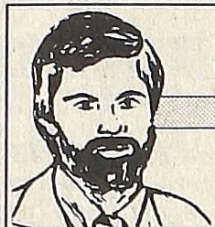
What a scam. I don't know if this telemarketing firm was hired by Gingrich, Dole or the Republican National Committee. For all I know it could have been a Clinton dirty trick. I do know my faith in government has dropped another notch because of this. People, most of all government officials, should not be taking advantage of the budget crisis to pitch miniature gavels probably made out of toothpicks.

- Full-fledged crisis, hogwash! Instead of spending the holidays in Washington, many of our Congressional leaders took the time to fly off to various exotic locations. These trips were paid for by you and I, the taxpayers. Clinton left Washington and so did Gingrich. Dole left town to hit the campaign trail.

- Many federal workers in what have been labeled essential tasks have been asked to work without pay. They are beginning to grumble, and rightfully so. Congressmen, women and other elected officials have made the distinction they are not employed by the federal government, but rather are employees of the Constitution, thus they continue to be paid their salaries in full. And they wonder why voters are so cynical? Ha!

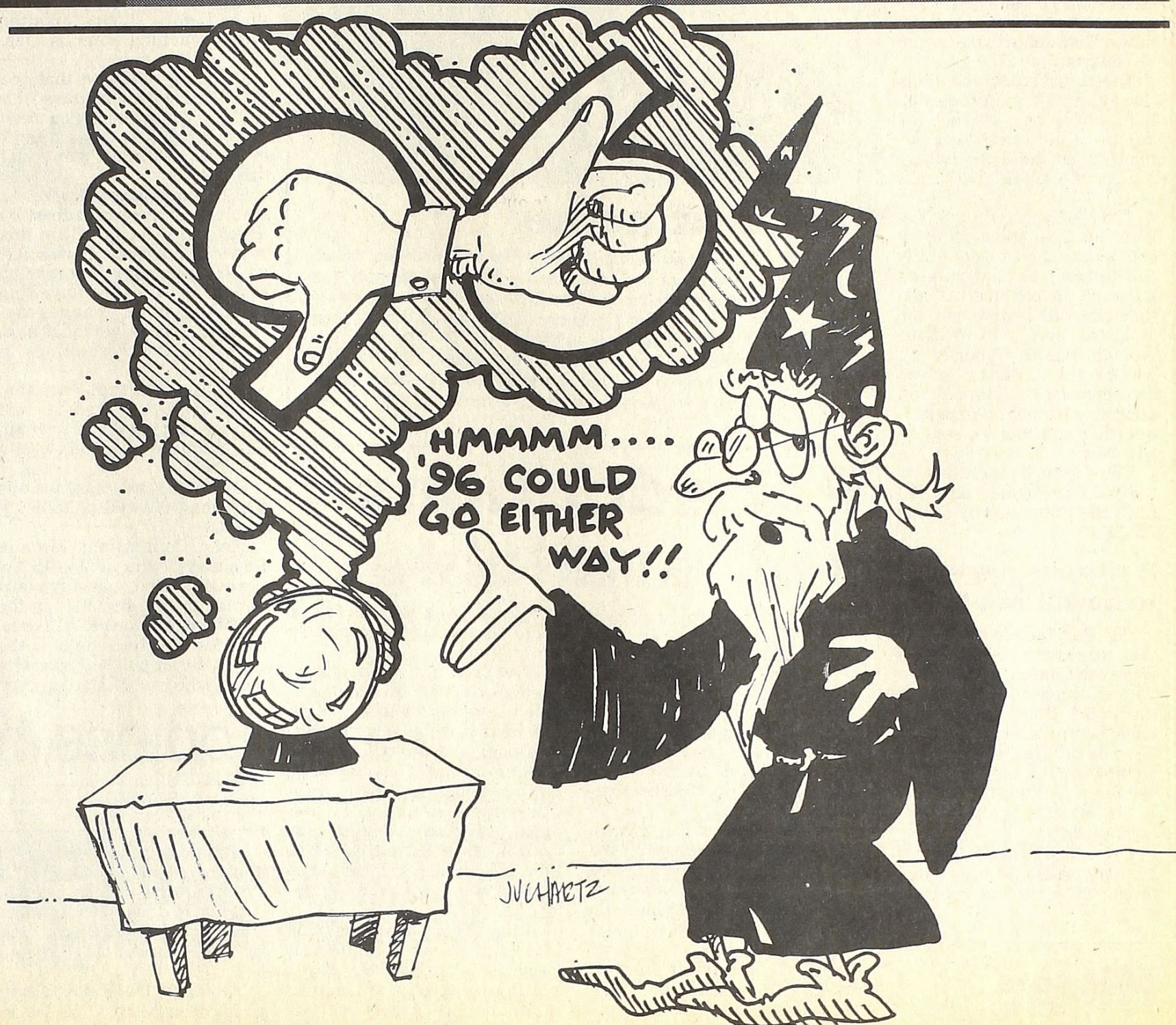
- I think it would be possible to cut 25 percent of the federal workforce right now, and no one would miss a beat. It won't happen, however, because lawmakers are to indebted to special interest groups and we the people are too immersed in our day-to-day problems to demand this type of streamlining.

- What will happen is that Republican lawmakers and Clinton will eventually come to a compromise. You see, it's an election year and this type of divisive activity can't continue too long into 1996. More important things like hitting the campaign trail will be thrust to the top of these guys' agendas. They will agree to balance the budget in seven years and everyone will take credit for establishing that lofty goal. But will it really happen? I'd be more willing to bet that Jennifer, the fake gavel pusher will meet her sales goal before Washington D.C. ever comes close to balancing a budget!



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Mayor responds

To the editor:

In his letter to your newspaper last week, Belleville electrical inspector Bob Baker expressed his professional concerns regarding the previous administrations' proposed restructuring of the Belleville Building Department. That restructuring would replace our present part time building official of 15 years with a new full-time city employee. Mr. Baker felt that based on his 32 years of experience as a Belleville electrical inspector, the proposed changes in the Building Department would not be cost-effective, operationally efficient, or in the best long-term interest of the city. Mr. Baker further suggested that the newly elected Belleville city administration should conduct its own review of the proposed changes and independently develop its own conclusions and recommendations regarding this matter. It is my view that Mr. Baker's suggestion is reasonable and worthy of further discussion.

Mr. Baker and the other Belleville residents who have expressed concerns regarding this issue should be

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advised that while I have officially elected to reserve final judgment on the proposed Building Department restructuring, my preliminary review of this matter has raised several questions similar to those raised by Mr. Baker. These questions must be addressed and resolved prior to action by the city.

In order for my administration to fully review these proposed changes and the long-term impact of such change on the economic and operational future of the city, on Dec. 11, in one of my first formal acts as Mayor of Belleville, I asked Belleville City manager Kerreen Gellert to delay any further action on this matter pending further review and discussion. This delay will provide all interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to offer additional comments and suggestions while imposing no additional hardship on present and existing city procedures that have been in effect for over 15 years.

Over the next several weeks, I plan on meeting with Mr. Baker, our present

Building officials, our contract inspectors, our Building Department clerk and the city manager to conduct such a review. At that time, I would be pleased to hear from, and to meet, any city official or resident who may wish to provide input on this issue.

I would like to thank Mr. Baker for his thoughtful suggestions regarding this matter. It is my view that his suggestions and professional concerns regarding the proposed Building Department restructuring have merit and deserve further thoughtful consideration. Mr. Baker was also correct in stating that I have publicly issued an invitation to any and all interested Belleville residents to provide ideas and suggestions that may improve our city. Mr. Baker has offered such a suggestion. As Mayor, I am happy to offer Mr. Baker a reasonable opportunity to further discuss this matter.

Dennis G. Fassett
Mayor, Belleville

Support praised

To the editor:

Thank you so very much for the article on the Adopt-A-Child Size-Project and for

your kind words. I was touched and humbled by your words of praise for the project but must tell you that none of it is possible without the very generous support of many people.

This year we are nearing our two thousand mark and hope to reach it in 1996. Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church and Christus Victor Lutheran Church along with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency employees have continued to provide the major support through donations of outfits and money to purchase outfits. Orchids and Roses should go to them for without their support none of this would be possible.

We also congratulate and thank Oakwood Hospital Child Care, First Optometry - Westland, York Rubber, Top Ladies of Distinction Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and several individuals who made donations or provided outfits to the project.

As we prepare for the 1996 "KICK-OFF" we cannot help but give thanks for everyone, who, in their own way, felt

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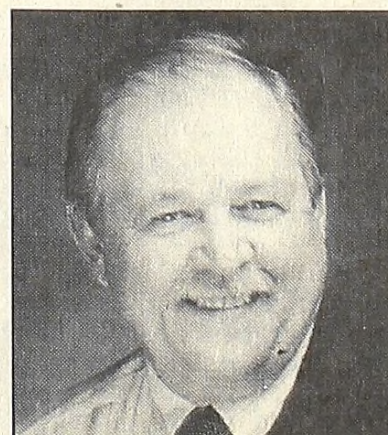
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Any one wishing to join in this effort for 1996 may request information by calling 313-753-4407 or writing to P.O. Box 428, New Boston, MI 48164-0428.

Teresa Moore
New Boston

Predictions for 1996

To the editor:
What will 1996 bring? I have five fearless predictions for the upcoming year:

First, the Democrats will recapture the U.S. House of Representatives, and Bill Clinton will easily win a second term as president. Bob Dole? No Way. Why? People want a balanced budget but they do not want social programs to be cut. The public is still heavily into denial on this budget issue. Only a major financial collapse will change the public attitude on entitlements. Forget about the Republicans "rational arguments." In politics emotion beats reason every time. Politics is not rational.

Second, the American consumer is in much worse shape than either Washington or Wall Street realize. New car sales will struggle to break 13 million in 1996. And, Kmart will be forced to close at least 1,000 stores.

Third, layoffs and plant closings will hit "warp speed," Corporations are under immense pressure from high-flying Wall Street financial analysts not to have "disappointing earnings." With a weak consumer and record high debt levels -- the only way to quickly boost the bottom line is to have swift and deep cuts in overhead -- 1996 will be the year of the layoff.

Fourth, amazingly the stock market (the world's biggest Ponszi scheme) will continue to soar to even greater record highs. Interest rates will plummet to record lows -- thus aiding the speculative frenzy. This stock market is totally and completely "liquidity" driven -- 401(k) and IRA pension plans are pushing this market and will continue to do so in 1996.

Wall Street has "Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public" completely convinced that mutual funds are virtually risk free and the only place to invest money. Besides who would want to invest in the sad "real economy" when mutual funds provide an exciting high yield "Ponszi scheme." This popular mind set has not occurred since the late 1920s, and Wall Street dares not disappoint.

Fifth, there will be the beginnings of a profound cultural paradigm shift away from consumption and debt. Much has been written about the major changes that U.S. corporations are going through. It is foolish to assume that our corporate "downsizing" will not ultimately influence and be reflected in our every day attitudes and popular culture. During 1996 watch for ever more discussion of thriftier, healthier and simpler life-

styles.
The watchwords for consumers in 1996 and beyond will be -- simplify, simplify, simplify.

Walter Warren
Westland

Odors protested

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter because I'm fed up with all of the "terrible odors" that keep polluting our beautiful community. E.Q. (Environmental Quality Inc.) located on the North Service Drive in Van Buren Township continues to pollute our air with odors that are totally unacceptable. On Friday, Aug. 31, 1995, I went outside to enjoy the beautiful evening and I couldn't even stay outdoors because the odors were so bad. And this isn't the first time that these gaseous odors have come from E.Q. I was told that the odors were unpleasant but not harmful. Hey, if I can't go outside and breathe, something's wrong! Don't you agree?

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995 it happened again. I was taking the trash out and the odors were terrible. I was outside for only two minutes and I got a headache and felt extremely dizzy. This doesn't seem right!

I started writing this letter in May but never sent it. In August, the odors came back again so I decided to attend a Van Buren Township Environmental Committee meeting at Quirk School. I went to the meeting to complain about the odors and guess what? Jerry Ford, Vice President of Environmental Quality and David Rutledge, Director of Community Relations were both attending the meeting. They were there to let the Environmental Committee know that they have applied for a license which will allow E.Q. to dispose of PCB in Van Buren Township.

After listening to Mr. Ford and Mr. Rutledge discuss their plans, the committee asked me, (the only person in attendance) if I had any questions. Well, first I asked Mr. Ford about the gaseous odors that hundreds of residents have been complaining about and he wasn't even aware of the problem. Secondly, Mr. Ford said that there will be a public hearing in January or February, 1996 to discuss PCB disposal. I told him that I was going to contact all my friends in the media and let them know what E.Q. wants to do and Mr. Ford responded by saying, "Don't threaten me!"

"Mr. Ford, its a public hearing, don't you want as many people there as possible so you can answer all their questions? Or do you feel threatened due to the fact that the more people who attend the meeting, the more likely that public opposition will grow?" I'm betting on the latter. The best question of the night came from Gerald Light on the Environmental Committee. He started out by saying that he knew that E.Q. wanted the Environmental Committee's support on the new PCB venture however, he had just one question for Mr. Ford. "What can you say to help me sell this to the community?" Mr. Ford responded by saying, "I usually am prepared to answer all questions, however, I don't have a ready answer for you, I'll have to get back to you on

that."
These people continue to pollute our air and now they want to dump PCB in our back yards. What happens when a truck carrying PCB gets in an accident and spills PCB all over our community? Will that also be "unpleasant" but not harmful? There are only a handful of companies in the U.S. licensed to handle PCB. Now E.Q. wants companies from all over the U.S. and Canada to send their PCB to Van Buren Township so they can make more money. I'm sorry but I don't feel very good about letting this company handle PCB in our backyards due to their past track record.

Environmental Quality Inc. is out to make money and they will keep dumping on our community until we say, "Stop!" This company doesn't care if they get fined just as long as the revenues they generate exceed their fines.

I don't think of myself as an environmentalist or a tree hugger. I just think its about time that someone stood up and said, "Enough is Enough!"

I'm sending this letter to the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Natural Resources in hopes that we will finally do something to stop E.Q. from polluting the air that we breathe and with hopes that we don't allow E.Q. to get a license to dispose of PCB in Van Buren Township

Andy Winnie
Lifetime Van Buren resident

Engler sends message

To the editor:
I have lived my entire life in the great State of Michigan and over the course of my political career have witnessed many of her worst and best moments -- both bad and good times. As we near the end of a remarkable 1995, I am compelled to say I have never been more proud to call this magnificent place home.

Our state has enjoyed an amazing run of prosperity this year, thanks to the cooperation and hard work of the millions of good people who live here. Unemployment declined to a record low, taxes dropped even lower and the number of welfare cases dwindled to the lowest it has been in decades. For the third year in a row, Michigan led the nation in personal income growth.

What is more, common sense and traditional values continued to stage a comeback here, helping Michigan set the pace for the nation in many areas. Over the last 12 months, we balanced our budget again and built our surplus to record amounts, brought competition and accountability to our schools, reduced the state's crime rate, repaired flaws in our legal system and provided our inner cities with opportunity and hope.

In this holiday season, as we pause to look back on our numerous accomplishments of the past year, I would like to offer you, the citizens of the Great Lakes State, my deepest appreciation for your efforts -- without which there would be no Michigan Renaissance. May good health and good fortune be yours in the new year.

John Engler
Governor

Frosty temperatures slated

Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of snow is forecast for today with frigid temperatures (10 above) during the day, dropping to 5 degrees above tonight.

Partly cloudy skies will continue without snowfall on Friday, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with highs in the 20s and lows only about 10 above.

Party cloudy skies will remain on Saturday, with highs in the mid-20s and lows in the mid-teens.

Thursday
Cold, chance of snow

Friday
Cloudy, cold

Saturday
Cold, high in mid-20s
Weatherman Al's tip: With snow piles that fell earlier this week turning into ice and the

deep freeze temperatures wearing down your car's battery strength, the next few days will be a great time to pull out those nice warm clothes you received for Christmas. Perfect timing Santa, see you again the end of the year.

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MRA is one of 10 organizations in 10 states receiving grants for the national education project.

The ADA, enacted in 1990, prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities.

The Michigan Retailers Association is the unified voice of retailing in Michigan and the largest state general merchandise retail trade association in the nation. MRA's 4,400 retail business members operate more than 8,000 stores across the state.

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Michigan's economy fueled by transportation investments

Michigan's economy continued to rebound in 1995, fueled by nearly a billion dollars in statewide transportation investments.

Among the improvements in southeastern Michigan were: widening another 1.6 miles of M-59 and rebuilding the I-94/I-696 interchange in Macomb County; reconstructing 11 miles of I-96 in Lansing and 10 miles of I-94 in Jackson. Replacements included 14 freeway bridge decks in Detroit; extending freight rail service to Detroit's riverfront and AM-TRAK passenger service to Royal Oak and Greenfield Village in Dearborn; and reconstructing concourse "G" at Detroit Metropolitan-Wayne County Airport in Romulus.

"This was a banner year for our product delivery," said State Transportation Director Pat Nowak. "Under the leadership of Governor John Engler, Michigan is experiencing an economic resurgence that is riding on our state transportation system."

The Michigan Department of Transportation, MDOT, delivered hundreds of improvements to the state's bridges, highways, airports, public transit, and rail facilities.

"It underscores the widespread role transportation serves in our lives and MDOT's commitment to deliver quality, customer-driven products and service."

Major state and local roadway improvements totaling an estimated \$543 million topped this year's list of deliverables. MDOT engineered 124 major improvements to Michigan's "M", "US" and Interstate routes that opened to traffic this year, including 422 miles of reconstructed and resurfaced pavements and bridges.

Under the leadership of Governor John Engler, Michigan is experiencing an economic resurgence that is riding on our state transportation system.

- Pat Nowak

Other safety measures not often noticed by motorists, includes hundreds of miles of improved road signs, reflective and raised pavement markings, and guard rail improvements.

MDOT invested \$3.5 million in railroad crossing improvements at 29 crossings in 19 counties. Upgrades included new signals, gates and crossing surfaces. Through the enhancement program, more than \$8 million were provided for beautification, historic preservation and non-motorized facilities. Projects included streetscaping, landscaping, bicycle path construction and rehabilitation of a historic stone arch bridge.

The department's public transportation initiatives included more than \$134 million in public services and rail passenger and freight services. Highlights included the purchase of 157 buses and other public transportation vehicles to provide viable public transportation in 43 counties; repairs to 117 miles of state-owned track from Iron Mountain to Ontonagon; and retrofitting 344 public transit vehicles with heaters to improve passenger comfort.

MDOT supported \$93 million in local road improvements tied to economic development through its Transportation Economic Development Fund. Many of the 140 projects were linked di-

rectly to the creation and retention of 8,864 Michigan jobs. The majority of projects upgraded local roads to all-season standards, improving Michigan's competitive position and supporting year-round transportation of goods and services.

Airport runway, taxiway, and terminal upgrades were among the \$31 million in improvements delivered at 26 Michigan airports. The largest project, Concourse "G" at Detroit-Metropolitan-Wayne County Airport, improves connections for regional Northwest Airlink Passengers.

MDOT's stepped up transportation investments are part of "Build Michigan", Governor Engler's ten-year strategy for improving Michigan's transportation system.



Office visit

Faith Paroski (left), aide to Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, took Belleville High School student Kelly Thompson on a tour of Rivers' Wayne and Ann Arbor offices and provided the student with information on the duties of a congresswoman. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

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Inkster native trots in with Globetrotters

By MARGO DEWEY
MCN News Editor

From live theatre productions to art exhibits, entertainment in Wayne and Oakland counties continues to expand to provide something for every member of the family.

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Marcel Marceau and the Dance Theatre of Harlem all take center stage at the beautifully restored Music Hall in the spring.

Several family workshops are now available at the Detroit Institute of Arts for children and adults of all ages.

The following is a list of the many theatres, exhibitions and special presentations lined up for 1995-1996.

FISHER THEATRE

• *Big-Feb. 13-March 10*-at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Director Mike Ockrent teams with Tony Award choreographer Susan Stroman and music director Paul Gemignani to bring the heartwarming and amusing tale of the young boy who wishes to be big to the stage.

This will be the only engagement for the \$10 million production prior to its April 1996 Broadway opening at the Shubert Theatre in New York City. For tickets call 810-645-6666 or for show times call 313-872-1000.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

• *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*-now through Jan. 28 at The Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. This unique production, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, is a joyous, tune-filled musical retelling of the familiar Biblical yarn of Joseph and his 11 brothers at the time of the Pharaoh.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of *Joseph* premiered at the world-renowned London Palladium June 12, 1981, and was given its North American premiere by LIVENT at Toronto's Elgin Theatre in June 1992. For tickets call 810-645-6666.

• *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* arrives at The Masonic Temple March 19 for a limited engagement. Audiences are sure to enjoy the same full-length Broadway musical, complete with spectacular production numbers, elaborate costumes and unforgettable songs, that have been wowing Broadway audiences since the show opened in New York.

With technical wizardry and imaginative design, *Beauty and the Beast* is transferred from screen to stage enhancing the elements that made the animated film a favorite around the world.

For tickets call 810-645-6666.

THE PALACE THEATRE

• *The Harlem Globetrotters* bring their hilarious hard-court maneuvers to the Palace of Auburn Hills 5 p.m. Feb. 4. Redefining the sport of basketball and the essence of live family entertainment for 70 years, the Harlem Globetrotters, featuring "Sweet" Lou Dunbar, Curley "Boo" Johnson and Inkster native Barry "High Rise" Hardy, celebrate seven decades of serious basketball and serious fun with a new opponent, the International All-Stars.

Tickets are now on sale at all TicketMaster locations. To charge by phone call 810-645-6666.

PONTIAC SILVERDOME

• *Camper, Travel and RV Show* Jan. 24-28 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Everything a family needs for the outdoors can be found at this show. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

• *Boat, Sport and Fishing Show* Feb. 14-18 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Water enthusiasts will find everything over and under the aqua for fishing and watersports. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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Four generations of Robsons have lived in this home on Tyler Road in Van Buren Township. Built in 1839, the house still has the original hard-wood floors, much of the original woodworking, and several of the original windows. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

1839-1995

Robson farm receives Sesquicentennial honors

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

At a time when the average family moves every seven years, it is unusual, to say the least, for one family to reside in the same location for 156 years.

In 1839, Henry Robson bought some land on Tyler Road in Belleville. There, he built a house, farmed the land, and he and his wife, Janette, had 12 children.

After Janette died in 1877 and Henry died in 1880, their youngest son, James, took over the farm. He and wife, Adelia, became the parents of two sons, Ralph and Carl. Another home was built on the Robson property when Ralph married Mame Cross and they had five children.

Fast forward to 1995. The original house is still standing, the land is still being farmed, and Robsons still hold the deed.

George Robson, son of Ralph, grandson of James, and great-grandson of Henry, now resides in the home with his wife, Elsie.

When they were first married, 60 years ago, George and Elsie lived in Detroit. After his



The Robsons were happy to have their home receive the designation, and celebrated with many friends and family. Their daughter Sandra Zimmer, far left, came down from Charlotte, Mich. for the celebration. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

In 1964, a sign was placed in the front yard by the Michigan Historical Society and Detroit Edison, denoting the farm's Centennial Designation, being owned by the same family for 100 years.

father died suddenly, everything was split evenly among the five children. George said he would like to have the

"The first thing we did when we moved in was to put in two bathrooms, one upstairs, one downstairs. We planted an evergreen where the outhouse used to be."

- Elsie Robson

home, and everyone agreed.

In 1964, a sign was placed in the front yard by the Michigan Historical Society and Detroit Edison, denoting the farm's Centennial Designation, being owned by the same family for 100 years. On Nov. 29, a second sign was added. The Robson home now has Sesquicentennial Designation, 150 years in the same family.

"I always did like it," George said about the family homestead. "Actually, he doesn't want to leave it, he likes it so well," Elsie said.

The house still has the original hard-wood floors, original doors and doorknobs, along with some of the original windows and window panes. Of course, with modern conveniences, many things have changed.

"We spent 10 years getting this place in shape, working with a carpenter," Elsie stated.

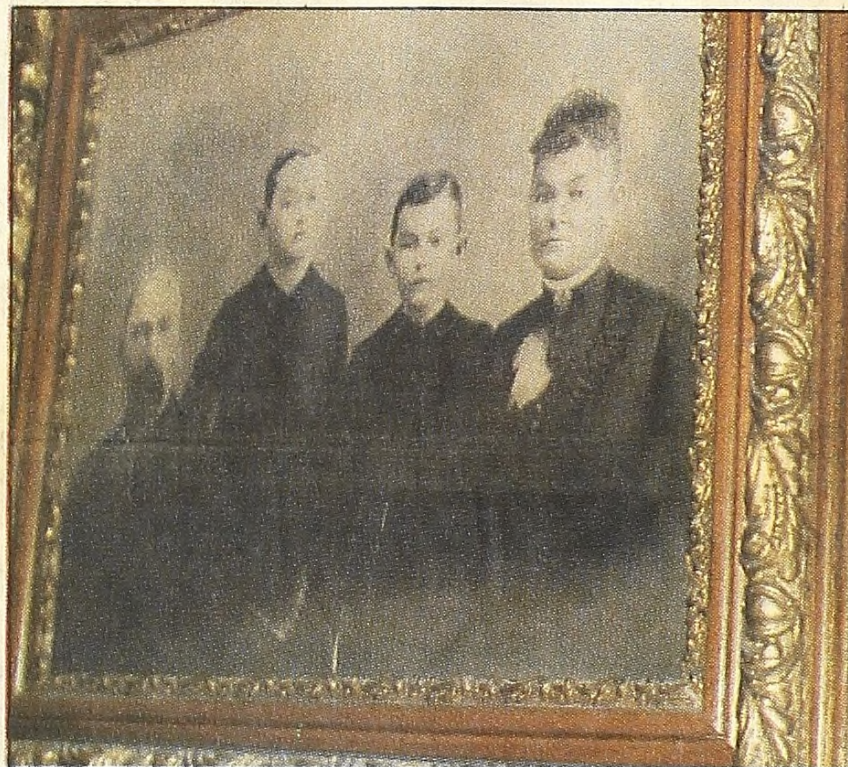
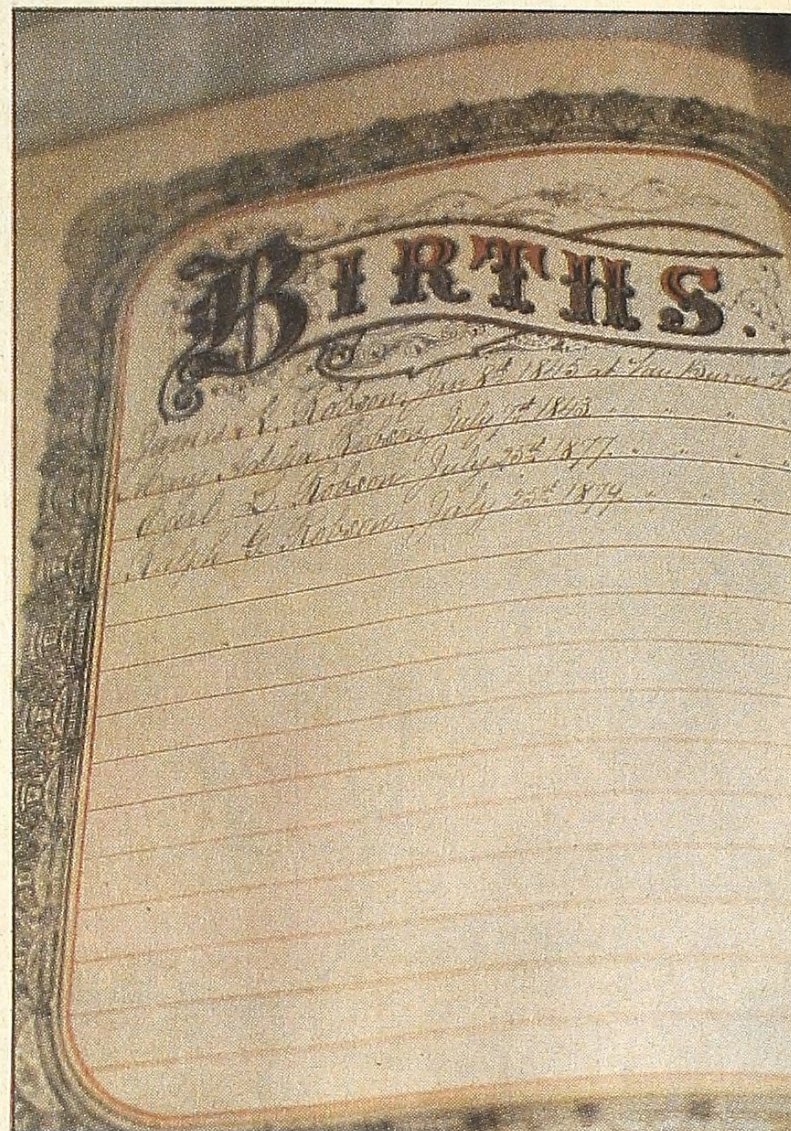
"After four years it needed it again," George said. "It's comfortable now. We used to have wood heat and we didn't have electricity when I lived here as a boy."

"The first thing we did when we moved in was to put in two bathrooms, one upstairs, one downstairs. We planted an evergreen where the outhouse used to be," Elsie said.

When they had problems with the plumbing, a neighbor came over to help them out. "It's nice when the kids are willing to help out," Elsie said of her 55-year-old neighbor.

The house itself is an "antique," and contains many antiques inside.

"We still have some rocking chairs owned by George's grandfather," Elsie said. "But, we never have time to rock. The beds and the kitchen table were also owned by his grand-



The Robson family Bible, top, lists births which occurred on the Robson property. This family portrait, found on the second floor of the home, shows George's grandfather, James, uncle Carl, father Ralph and grandmother Adelia. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie



Elsie Robson sits in what was once the parlor. The room is now a family room, and is also the room where George and Elsie take their daily naps.

parents. Most of the stuff was divided among the families."

George and Elsie have been renting the land out for farming since they began living at the Tyler Road address.

"We didn't have the machinery to do it ourselves," Elsie said. "But, George has had a garden every summer, and I've had my flower garden."

A month after they moved to the farm, a barn which had been standing since 1911 burned down. George and Elsie, along with a large group of friends and family, built a garage in its place.

Their daughter, Sandra Zimmer, came down from her home in Charlotte, Mich. for the presentation. "I think this is interesting. I have been doing genealogy myself. You learn a lot of interesting facts about people. It's fun to do a

family tree, figuring out where everyone fits in," she said. "The house must have been well built to last this long. I grew up in Detroit, and didn't realize how many relatives I had until we moved here. It's neat to become important, instead of just another number."

George said his son George Jr., who lives in California, will probably take over the family heirloom one day.

In January, George and Elsie will celebrate their 61st Anniversary in the home on Tyler Road.

Editor's note: Lewis Robson, one of three sons of George and Katherine Post Robson, at one time was the owner of The Enterprise. Robson was in partnership with Ray Clift in 1950. He resigned in the late 1950s and sold his share of the newspaper chain.



Michael Palchesko, regional manager of corporate and public affairs at Detroit Edison, made the sesquicentennial presentation to George and Elsie Robson. Palchesko said he was honored to be making the presentation, because it was his first for the 150-year mark. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie



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Glenn leaves best for Mumford

Rockets' rally wins Classic

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn apparently left its best for its last game of 1995.

And Coach Mike Schuette and the Rockets hope to pick up where they left off last year when they travel to Farmington Harrison on Jan. 12 for a Western Lakes Conference

confrontation.

Playing in the *Superintendent's Classic* in the Cobo Arena last week, the Rockets broke open a close game against Detroit Mumford with a 21-4 scoring advantage in the fourth period and soared to a 59-40 decision before a crowd that included the Detroit Superintendent of Schools, David Snead.

Snead is the primary force behind the invitational which brings together top teams in the Detroit Public School League and the neighboring suburbs. The tournament is also sponsored by the Coca Cola Bottling Company.

It was Glenn's second ap-

pearance in the Classic, and it's second winning performance against a Detroit-based high school.

The victory boosted the Rockets' overall record over the .500 mark for the first time this season. Coach Mike Schuette's team ended the 1995 phase of the current campaign with a 3-2 record.

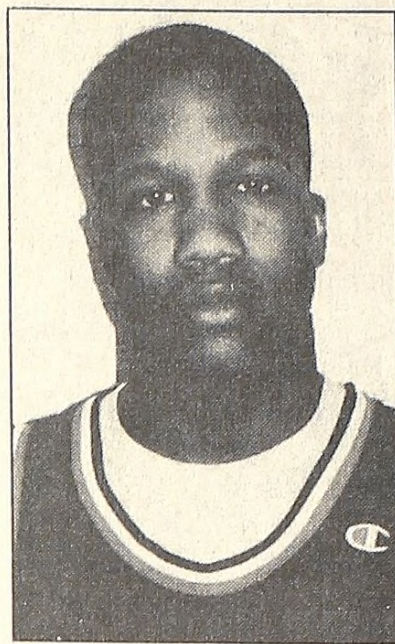
Glenn senior Albert "Rutu" Jones - don't ask where or how he got the nickname - earned MVP accolades after scoring a game-high 23 points, collecting eight rebounds and turning in with five assists. To commemorate his achievement, Jones was presented with a plaque from the Detroit superinten-

dent.

Mumford grabbed a 14-12 first period lead thanks to 6-2 forward Chris Patton's initiative. Patton sank 10 points, eight of those in the first half to keep the Detroiters on the winning edge.

Trailing by a basket (28-26) at the half, the Westlanders made their move in the third quarter as 6-3 junior David Jarrett sank a basket that tied the game at 36, then he came back with another jumper that cut the knot and gave the Rockets a 38-36 lead.

Glenn then went on a wild 13-point run that frustrated

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Albert Jones

Jones is MVP

Westland John Glenn's senior guard Albert Jones came up with a sterling performance against Detroit Mumford at the annual *Superintendent's Classic* and was presented the invitational's Most Valuable Player award after scoring 23 points, grabbing eight rebounds and picking up five assists in a 59-40 victory over the Detroiters. The victory pushed Glenn over the .500 mark for the first time this season. They will resume Western Lakes Conference action on Jan. 12 when they travel to Farmington Hills Harrison for their sixth game of the season, their first of 1996.

Wayne makes pudding of Rice

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although it took them most of three-quarters to find the recipe, Wayne Memorial made pudding out of a tough Birmingham Brother Rice.

With Richard Johnson stirring up 10 of his game-high 18 points in the third period, Coach Chuck Henry's cagers enjoyed a 59-52 victory over the Catholic League powerhouse Friday night before a standing room only mostly partisan crowd at the Birmingham-based Catholic high school.

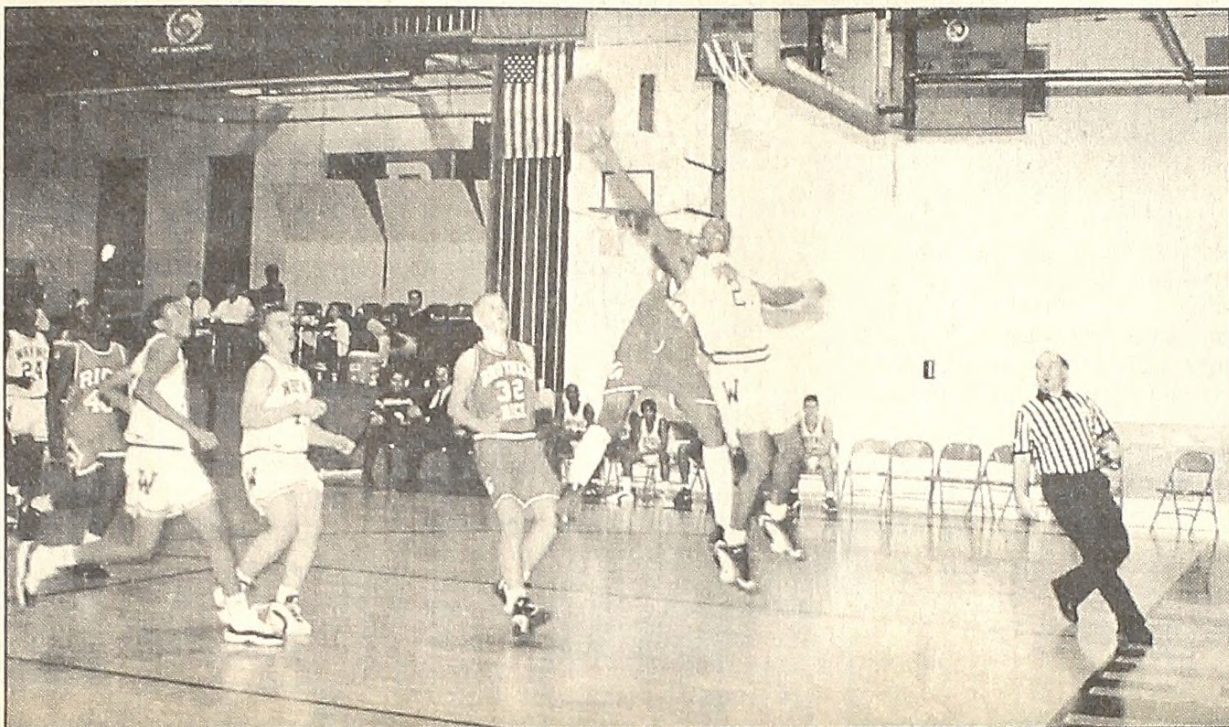
The victory stretched Wayne's winning streak to five games just before the holidays.

Wayne's lone loss was in its season opener at Plymouth-Canton, where they fell to the Chiefs and coach Danny Young in a double-overtime thriller.

Henry said that the victory at Brother Rice was a big one for his team.

"It was definitely a good win for us," said the Wayne coach. "First, we managed to come back after being down for most of the first half and also won against a bigger team in a different environment which included a very lively crowd."

Rice, sparked by 6-7 center Tom Marx and John Poyer, jumped out in front 14-11 in the first period and held a 27-23 edge at halftime



Wayne's sophomore forward Karl Calloway (15) sizes up the Birmingham Brother Rice's defense before making his move (photo at right), while teammate Roland Patterson (21) used his extraordinary vertical leap to grab a rebound - or is he all set to stuff the net with it? - in Friday night's 1995 finale. Wayne rallied to beat the highly-touted representative of the Catholic League, 59-52, to finish the 1995 phase of the season with a 5-1 overall record. Coach Chuck Henry and the Zebras will resume action Friday night at Adrian, a team that also is sporting a 5-1 mark. Wayne will return to Mega Conference Red Division action Tuesday night when Woodhaven comes to town. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

before Wayne began to put together the ingredients for the comeback.

Johnson and Jameel Wooden, joined by Lorenzo Guess, orchestrated a nine-point run that enabled the visitors to tie then take a two-point lead, 42-40, at the end of three.



Although challenged right down to the final buzzer, Wayne managed to hold off the taller and more physical Brother Rice in the final eight minutes thanks to a 17-12 scoring edge in the finale.

It was definitely Johnson's one-man scoring show

in the third period that turned the tide for Wayne. Johnson and Wooden shared individual scoring honors with 18 points. Guess contributed 11.

On the other side of the ledger, Marx pumped in 17

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Winless in holiday tourney Tiger coach says he's not worried

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan may have been *Sleepless in Seattle*, and Belleville cagers may have gone winless in Benton Harbor last week, but Belleville coach Michael Garland says he isn't going to lose any sleep over the Tigers' three straight losses over the holidays.

"We played some exceptional teams," stressed Garland after dropping games to host, Benton Harbor, in the first round, and losing in the consolation round to Detroit Denby at the Benton Harbor Holiday Basketball Invitational.

"These teams, along with Toledo Scott, are among the best high school teams around."

Toledo Scott also shoved the Tigers in the losing column, 68-46, leaving the Tigers with a 2-3 overall record for the 1995 phase of the campaign.

"I am not down on my team for losing. It's too early in the season to be concerned. I know that we will be all-right when our shots begin to drop and when we correct some of the mistakes that we are making. We need to make some adjustments, and this team will be competitive the rest of the way."

Before traveling to Benton Harbor for its traditional holiday tournament engagement, Belleville fell to Toledo Scott 68-46. Toledo Scott is ranked among the top 10 high school teams in Ohio, Garland noted.

In their initial outing at Benton Harbor, the Tigers stayed with the host for most of the first half and trailed by seven

“These teams, along with Toledo Scott, are among the best high school teams around.”

-Michael Garland

(40-33) after the first two periods.

However, Benton Harbor, led Gary Hartfield, outscored the visitors 22-9 in the third period to take a commanding 62-42 margin into the final eight minutes of the game en route to a 79-58 victory.

Hartfield finished the game with 16 points.

In the consolation round, Belleville squared off against Denby, a power in the Detroit Public School League, and lost a 79-58 decision.

Down by seven (36-29) at the intermission, Belleville failed to fuel its late second-quarter momentum after the half and the third-period blues enabled Denby to widened the lead by 12.

Summers again paced the Tigers with a 19-point effort. Two of Summers' teammates, Nate Lewis and Ian Gold - also hit in double figures. Lewis finished with 15, while Gold chipped in with 12.

Denby's senior point guard Sidney Mitchell scored a game-high 20 points.

Garland will have the entire week to scrimmage and practice to seek solutions to his team's problems. The Tigers are not scheduled to play again until Tuesday when they are home to entertain Monroe.

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Robichaud returns to hunt for SAC title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Recovered from the flu bug that forced him to the sidelines and into his bed during the holidays, Robichaud basketball coach Ron Tarrant said yesterday he feels strong enough to resume his coaching duties.

"That thing (flu bug) hit me hard," said Tarrant, whose Bulldogs take on Ecorse at home Friday. "I may not be 100 percent, but I'm all right."

In their only Suburban Athletic Conference outing thus far, the Bulldogs were humiliated by Willow Run just before the holidays.

On Tuesday, the Dearborn Heights cagers were scheduled - or should we say rescheduled - to play to play natural rival, Inkster.

Although the game was originally scheduled to be staged at 7:30 p.m., the two arch-rivals met in the afternoon at 4:30 p.m. with the varsity taking the floor first.

"This way, those who usually like to disturb the game, won't," noted Tarrant.

In recent years, the rivalry between Robichaud and Inkster has precipitated disruptions, including brawls between fans.

Robichaud is playing out its final year in the SAC and school officials are awaiting word

“This is our last year with this league. We would like to bow out as winners.”

-Ron Tarrant

from the courts on whether they will be permitted to join the Mega Conference.

Westwood School District officials have sued the conference, alleging discrimination after their petition to join the league was denied. The lawsuit has dragged on for two years in the court system.

In the meantime, Robichaud has decided to compete as an independent starting with the 1996-97 school year.

"This is our last year with this league," Tarrant stressed. "We would like to bow out as winners."

Tarrant said he doesn't know much about Inkster or Ecorse, "except for what I read in the local newspaper."

"They (Inkster) don't have Albert White, but they do have a new coach over there," Tarrant

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Warriors conquer foes

Last Friday, the Westland Warriors won the championship game with the Livonia Bruins, 2-0, winning the first place trophy in the Pee Wee B Division. The Wayne Youth Hockey Association Christmas Tournament, which wrapped up a successful season for the young team, was played at the Wayne Community Center. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

Rice

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points and Poyer added 14 for the losers who, like their opponents, made nine of 14 free throws.

Wayne had problems with Brother Rice's inside game, Henry said.

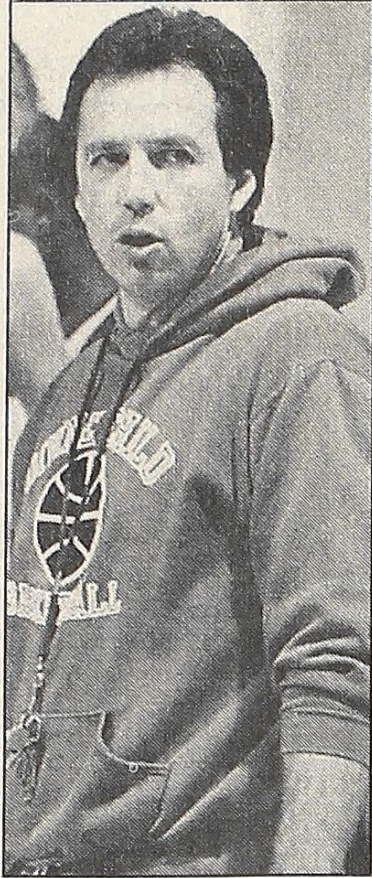
Henry said that Brother Rice's inside game is second to none.

"They have the height and the ability," Henry noted. "We denied them the pass to their center and managed to bottle up their men who had success in the first half. Yes, their inside game gave us a lot of problems."

There will be no rest for Wayne. The Zebras are scheduled to meet Adrian next. Adrian is lifting some eyebrows across the state with its uncanny three-point shooting.

Both non-conference rivals will enter Friday night's encounter holding identical 5-1 overall records.

"Size-wise, we match up with them," said Henry.



Coach Chuck Henry

"But they are a guard-orientated team. In two of their last games they sank something like 24 treys - and that has to be some kind of record."

10 split worth \$50,000 at Shoot-out

Nothing strikes as much fear into the hearts of bowlers than to peer down the lane and see only two pins—the dreaded 7-10 split. Now, a contest is turning that feeling of trepidation into excitement by offering \$50,000 to four lucky bowlers who can make bowling's ultimate shot.

Kessler American Blended Whiskey, in conjunction with the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), invites Michigan bowlers to enter the Kessler 7-10 Shoot-out for the chance to win \$50,000. Four entrants—two men and two women—will

be selected in a random sweepstakes to participate in the Shoot-out, which will take place during a PBA-sanctioned regional event.

Each contestant will receive one opportunity to pick-up a 7-10 split. For each bowler who makes the 7-10 split, a \$50,000 prize will be awarded. If unsuccessful, each will receive \$710 and assorted bowling gear.

"We're looking for people whose bowling motion is 'Smooth as Silk,'" said Alan Cohen, director of brand man-

agement, Kessler Whiskey. "We'd like nothing more than to give away \$50,000 to all four of the sweepstakes winners."

The event will take place May 25 at the Chez-Ami Lanes in Grand Rapids.

Professional bowler Ted Hannahs will give a clinic on making the 7-10 split and other difficult bowling shots at the Chez-Ami Lanes May 24. He also will help emcee the event.

"Picking up a 7-10 split is the most difficult shot in bowling," said Hannahs. "I've made three in my career, and I hope to see four more successful

shots at the Kessler Shoot-out."

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Rockets

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what turned into an error-prone Mumford squad. Midway in the fourth quarter, Glenn had a 12-point lead as Brad Wilde's trey and baskets by Jarrett, Jones and a free throw from Jon Albrecht all but sealed the victory.

Jarrett's contribution to the Rockets' third win included 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Glenn also received good news with the return of Anthony Greco to the Rocket

lineup. The All-Area griddler, injured late in the recent football campaign, appears recovered from a leg injury that has sidelined him for most of the first-part of the season.

Glenn isn't scheduled to play until Jan. 12 when the Rockets are on the road to Farmington Hills where they take on Harrison for a Western Lakes Conference game. Then, on Jan. 16, a Tuesday, Schuette and his Rockets will be the guests of honor at Wayne Memorial, a game that will determine bragging rights in the Westland-Wayne Community School District for the coming year.

Warriors take first place in hockey tourney

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

In the Wayne Youth Hockey Association's Christmas Tournament, the Westland Warriors were victorious.

In the championship game, played at the Wayne Community Center on Dec. 29, the War-

The Warriors took home the trophy for first place...

riors won, 2-0 over the Livonia Bruins.

The Warriors took home the trophy for first place in the Pee Wee B Division.

SAC

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said. "But I do know that they have some outstanding talent."

White, the former Inkster High All-American prep, who is presently playing for the University of Michigan, led Inkster to two consecutive SAC championships before graduating last June.

Inkster's new coach is Gus Thomas, a former Ecorse High cage star who also played and

coached basketball while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. Thomas is seeking his first win as the Viking coach after three setbacks.

Robichaud is led by Brian Johnson, a senior guard who is averaging 13 points and nine rebounds a game. Tarrant also has a standout talent in Jason Malloy, a versatile athlete who is a sophomore.

Rounding out the Bulldogs' starting lineup are Damon Williams (sophomore guard), Travis Gunn (junior guard) and Devaron Gray, (sophomore forward).

Robichaud has defeated Clarenceville and Ypsilanti while losing, by one, to Clintondale, before falling to Willow Run before the holiday break.

Tigers

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Monroe and Belleville have had some close games in recent years, and Tuesday night's encounter won't be different, according to Garland.

"They are one of the teams picked to win it all this year," Garland said.

But, with one loss already on its conference record (1-1), Belleville can't afford to lose to another if they hope to stay in the hunt.

In fact, the next two games will decide whether Belleville is really a legitimate contender. After hosting Monroe on Tuesday, they will travel to Wayne Memorial, a team with whom they share the Mega Conference, Red Division title.

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"We're not quite as strong as we were last season, but we do expect to be a top 10 team," according to Chief's coach John Cunningham. "Our number one girl last year, Katie Gilles is going to compete in

"We have a fifth and sixth girl on each event. Most teams don't have that kind of depth," Cunningham said. "Usually, teams have three strong girls for each event. We have a strong fourth girl for each

Aside from depth, Cunningham said his team is strong in other areas as well. "This team is very dedicated to success," he said.

According to the coach, when you have a gymnastics meet in December, as the meet with Freeland was, it's easy to spot all kinds of problems.

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Belleville went on to beat Caro (a school from the thumb area), and Robichaud 15-5, 15-6. Only the top two teams made it out of the pool in this tournament. Belleville and Birmingham Seaholm were tied for second place going into the match between the two teams. "They are a good team, we thought we could beat them," Leonard said. Birmingham won the match, 15-8, 15-11. "They were bigger than us. We didn't put pressure on them. I'm happy with the way things went over the holidays. The

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Yockey also pointed out that her team and the team from Plymouth-Canton practice together. "The two teams like each other," she said.

According to the coach, his team has areas which do need

"I was real pleased that they

took it upon themselves to do better after that horrible scrimmage," Leonard said. "They are connecting and working as a team. I believe we will be a force in the Mega League."

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OBITUARIES



Jerry Maton

Maton, Jerry

Jerry Maton, 72, former Van Buren Township trustee, died Dec. 25, 1995 at the Belle Woods Continuing Care Center.

Born on March 15, 1923 in Belleville, he was a retired Detroit Edison employee. He also was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Eagles Club. He also was active with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Survivors include his wife, Irene (Cardwell); three sisters, Linda and Judy Maton, both of Belleville, and Phyllis (David) Bullard of Ann Arbor; and one grandson, Joseph Bullard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Martha (Ryznar) Maton, and a brother, Frank.

There are no funeral services planned at this time. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society or to the donor's choice of charities.

Domen-Howard, Olive

Olive F. Domen-Howard, 82, of Belleville, died Dec. 12, 1995 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born on Oct. 5, 1913 in Indiana, Penn., she was a member of Zion Missionary Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert M. "Buss" Howard; four daughters, Martha (Fred) Hendrix of Denver, Col., Marilyn Montgomery of Belleville, Carolyn Harsh and Cynthia (Gary) Coberly, both of Canton, Ohio; four sons, Bruce Domen of Belleville, David (Patty) Domen of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Fred (Darlene) Domen of Covina, Cal. and Dan (Darlene) Domen of Rochester Hills; 28 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond J. Domen; a daughter, Jeanne Chudzinski; a son, Paul Domen; a step-son, Plimon Howard and a son-in-law, George Montgomery.

The funeral was conducted at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald H. Severance officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery of Belleville. The family recommends that memorials be sent to the Zion Missionary Church.

Bobb, Elkanah

Elkanah W. Bobb Jr., 78, of Sumpter Township, died Dec. 15, 1995 at Beyer Center of Oakwood Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Born in Detroit on March 10, 1917, she was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Paul D. Bobb of Brownstown Township and Douglas E. Bobb of Taylor; a daughter, Debra F. Clontz of Belleville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elkanah W. Bobb Sr. and Alice (Tuxbury) Bobb; a brother and two sisters.

The funeral was conducted at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Jim McKinnies of Willis Baptist Church and Steven Vallis officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock.

Lemons, Charles R. Sr.

Charles R. Lemons Sr., 57, of Van Buren Township, died Dec. 17, 1995 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born in Allen Park on Aug. 25, 1938, he was an avid fisherman and a member of the "Bassmasters."

Survivors include his wife, Janet L. (Davis-Gildersleeve); a daughter, Brenda (Paul) Richmond of Belleville; a son, Charles R. Lemons, also of Belleville; two brothers, Walter H. Lemons of of Niceville, Fla. and Goy M. Lemons of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Helen L. Geyer of Toledo; and four grandchildren, Joshua C. and Matthew R. Lemons and Christopher R. and Amber L. Richmond.

Funeral arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Cremation rites were accorded.

Brown, Gerald

Gerald R. Brown, 64, former Canton Township treasurer, died Dec. 16, 1995.

Born on Jan. 1, 1933 in Detroit, he was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1966 and Canton treasurer from 1984-1990. He also served as a financial analyst for General Motors for 10 years.

He earned his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and his masters in education from Eastern Michigan University.

He is survived by his wife, Joan E. (Brown); a son, Gary R. (Karen) of Canton; a daughter, Carol J. (Terry) Oldham of Northville; a brother, Harry Brown of Nebraska; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Interment was in Grandlawn Cemetery of Detroit.

Hoagland, Mary

Mary C. Hoagland, 66, of New Boston, died Dec. 9, 1995 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Born on April 2, 1929 in Detroit, she was a retired Ford Motor Co. employee and member of St. Stephens Catholic Church of New Boston.

Survivors include a son, Larry (Carol) Hoagland; a daughter, Linda (Robert) Demyan, both of New Boston; three brothers, Edwin (Josie) Waling and Thomas (Marie) Waling, both of Florida and Victor (Lorraine) Waling of Livonia; two sisters, Ruth (Ken) Horn of Prudenville and Emma Waling of Milford; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Hoagland; her parents, Orest A. and Emma (Galea) Waling; a brother, Edgar Waling; and a sister, Jean Tupacz.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

Davis, Mable

Mable E. Davis, 79, of Belleville, died Dec. 11, 1995 at Beyer Center of Oakwood Hospitals in Ypsilanti. She formerly resided in Livonia.

Born on June 10, 1916 in Athens, Ga., she was a member of the Livonia Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy A. (Steve) Webber of Belleville; a sister, Helen Mettital of Florida; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her parents, James and Susie (Yarborough) Hancock; three brothers and her husband, James Davis.

The funeral was conducted at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick of St. Anthony Catholic Church officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

The family recommends that memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Sexton, Dorothy

Dorothy M. Sexton, 75, of Sumpter Township, died Dec. 9, 1995 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born in Hazard, Ken. on July 15, 1920, she was a member of the Metro Baptist Church and the Disabled Veterans of America.

Survivors include her husband, Raleigh M. Sexton; four sons, Danny Sexton of Santa Monica, Cal., Toby (Vickie) Sexton of Westland, Stevie (Sheila) Sexton of Belleville and Jeffery (Sharon) Sexton of Yorba Linda, Cal.; and one daughter, Juwanna Sexton-Hunter of San Juan Capistrano, Cal.; a sister, Edna Arnett of Lexington, Ken.; two brothers, J.B. (Nancy) Marcum of Smyrna, Tenn. and Ralph (Audrey) Marcum of Neon, Ken.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Price and Emily (Cornett) Marcum; two brothers, Dudley and Raleigh Marcum; and three sisters, Larri Adams, Mary Jane Davis and Patsy Marcum.

The funeral was conducted at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery of Belleville. The family recommends that memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Kinney, Hazel

Hazel R. Kinney, 91, of Westland, died Dec. 26, 1995 in St. Mary Hospital.

Born on June 3, 1904, she was a homemaker and a former resident of Judsonia, Ark.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Drake of Westland; three sisters, Gracie Massey, Nola Davis and Jessie Ragan; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob, Ark. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery of Judsonia, Ark. Local arrangements were completed by the Uht Funeral Home.

Andrews, Beverly

Beverly (Pam) Lewis Andrews, 54, died Nov. 1, 1995. She was a 1959 graduate of Inkster High School.

Survivors include a son, Carlos Lewis; a daughter, Twila Andrews; two grandchildren, Carlos Jaquan and Khristian Noell; six brothers, one sister, and a host of nieces, nephews and friend.

The funeral was conducted at the First Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. W.W. Goode, officiating. Arrangements were completed by the Penn Funeral Home.

Hollie, Albert

Albert Hollie Sr., 84, died Nov. 4, 1995. Born in Washington, Tex., he served with the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945.

Survivors include a son, Albert Jr.; a daughter, Gladys Chambers; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Penn Funeral Home of Inkster.

Gray, Vincent

Vincent F. Gray, 77, of Detroit, died Dec. 27, 1995. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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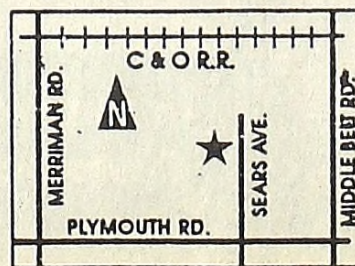
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

Case No: 95-2536-LT
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PLAINTIFF: Department of Veterans Affairs
477 Michigan Avenue
Room 1460
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 226-4244

DEFENDANT: James Sanders
25922 Norfolk
Inkster, MI 48141

THE COURT FINDS Service of process upon Defendant, James Sanders, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following methods: First Class mail to James Sanders, 25922 Norfolk, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 25922 Norfolk, Inkster. Publish three weeks in local newspaper.

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the Court.

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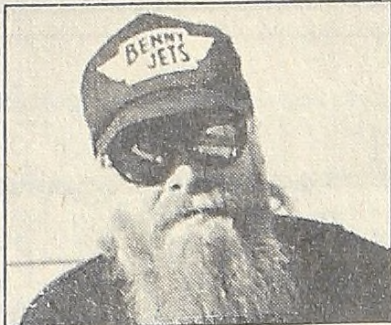
By Bob Harris and Benny Jett

The year 1995 means lots of names will be remembered: Judge Lance Ito, Johnny Cochran, Marsha Clark and the entire O.J. Simpson show; Newt Gingrich, President Clinton, Forrest Gump, Hugh Grant and locally, Sparky Anderson, Alan Trammell, George Romney, Junior Walker, Warren Pierce and Gary Moeller.

Our column got the most response from one of our first stories about the possibility of Ken Calvert replacing the late J.P. McCarthy on radio station WJR. Calvert did wind up on WJR in the 1-3 p.m. slot. Also many responses were heard on Jamie Coe and his new night club on Farmington Road. Lots of people asked about local entertainers -- Jeff and the Atlantics, Jack Rainwater, the Larados, the Incurables and Wally Jackson and the Mustang Band.

Detroit's top TV shows in 1995 were No. 1, *ER*, No. 2, *Seinfeld* and No. 3, *Friends*.

Metro Detroit's fastest growing communities are: Canton,



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No. 1; Macomb Township, No. 2, and West Bloomfield, No. 3. Biggest area concerts of 1995 were No. 1, Page and Plant of the Led Zeppelin Band; No. 2, REM; No. 3, the Grateful Dead. Detroit's most popular TV soap operas were No. 1, *One Life to Live*; No. 2, *All My Children*, and No. 3, *General Hospital*. Best area malls are: No. 1, Westland; No. 2, Twelve Oaks, and No. 3, Southland.

The day after Christmas, the Detroit Red Wings hockey team played at the Joe Lewis Arena. When ESPN showed highlights on national television, they showed a close-up of a fan who looked like a tired Santa. It wasn't Santa, but it was area resident Bill Reiser, who is very popular in the community. He started out as a musician in many top area rock and roll bands and later went on to his own band, Nic Nac. Bill worked his way through college before becoming a teacher and a bar/restaurant owner at Reiser's

Keyboard Lounge in Westland. A big show comes to town this week. Yo Party the Hot Rap tour featuring ADB and Roe Al Scrooge is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets \$12.50 in advance are available at Desirable Discs and Dearborn Music. Call 1-313-526-4018 for more info. There will be free pop and pizza. Like the rappers ICP, the only thing this band needs is MTV!

Heard from Dana Lupher of the northwest Detroit Lions Club. He reports Marco Rigattine formerly of the band Wall Street is now in the band, the Ritz. Wall Street played several area night clubs in the '70s and '80s, including the Center Stage, the Orbit Room, the old Satellite Bowl, J's Beef and Spirits and Gangsters on Telegraph Road. New spot for Benny and the Jets Band. They start this Friday and Saturday at the Wine Cask on Warren Avenue, east of Telegraph. Wine Cask has food, dancing, darts and pool.

Weekend Summit Center tours scheduled Jan. 6

By HEATHER NEEDHAM
MCN Staff Writer

Residents of Western Wayne County can tour a brand-new 85,000 square-foot recreation facility in Canton Township on Jan. 6 and 7.

The Summit on the Park Community Center, located at the corner of Summit Parkway and Canton Center Roads in Canton, features two large banquet rooms, an aquatics center featuring five different pools and a waterslide, a gymnasium, indoor track and a cardiovascular fitness center. Summit Parkway is a new road located on the west side of Canton Center Road, across from Palmer Road.

Tours will be given every two minutes from 1 to 7 p.m. Jan. 6, and noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 7. Tours will begin on the west end of the building, near the banquet center. The facilities open for use Jan. 8.

Grand opening activities include athletic and dance demonstrations, puppet shows, a magic show, clowns and much more.

Most of the fees for the Summit have been set. They are as follows:

Family resident annual rate, \$350, non-resident \$600. Individual resident fee \$150, non-resident \$300. Matinee individual rate is \$125. The non-resident rate was unavailable. Daily visit fees are \$5 for

adult residents, and \$8 for non-residents. Youth rates for ages 10-17 are \$4 for residents, \$7 for non-residents. Youth rates for ages 4 to 9 years old are \$3 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Children ages 3 and younger are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Both annual and daily visit fees entitle holders to use the aquatics center, gymnasium, cardiovascular and strength fitness center, steam and sauna rooms, and the walk/jog track.

For further information about the Summit, contact the Canton Parks and Recreation Services offices at (313) 387-5110.

'Elvis' sightings reported on hot new family gameboard

Reports are in on the sighting: it's the flash of a gold lame suit, the gleam of a pink Cadillac, the sheen of jet-black hair. Is it Elvis?

Not quite. It's Elvis-opoly - the latest incarnation of the King of Rock n' Roll - which promises to be the talked-about game of the season. Instead of going to jail in this game you get drafted. But don't worry, there's an "honorable discharge" card to get you out. Rather than Boardwalk or Park Place you'll find the titles of Elvis' biggest hits lining the game board, ready to be improved not with out houses and hotels but with gold and platinum discs. It would be in your best interest to stay away from Heartbreak Hotel, unless you own it, that is.

Elvisopoly is a brand new-board game available at stores nationwide. The co-inventors are 26-year-old Todd Thurston, president and David George, 22, executive vice president, of the David Christopher Group, Inc. a Lenexa, Kan., toy and game company.

"Elvis is a natural for a

game such as this," said Thurston. "It's not only for Elvis fans, it's for anyone who loves the 50s, enjoys music, likes board games, or wants a unique gift." Both Thurston and George happen to be a little young to remember Elvis, but say they are Elvis fans nonetheless.

This isn't the first "Elvis sighting" in the game world. An earlier game based on a trivia format was not successful. Thurston and George have studied what works and what doesn't.

"The questions in the trivia game were just too detailed," said George. "People love Elvis Presley, but even your most avid Elvis fan has trouble remembering what color outfit he wore in scene 101 of the movie *Jailhouse Rock*."

Elvisopoly, however, seems bound for success.

"Playing your first Monopoly game is like a right of passage for Americans," said Thurston. "People never really seem to get tired of it. You can never have too many variations of it."

It would seem that in this age of CD-ROM and video games, a conventional board game maker might be behind the times. Not true, say the young game inventors. "No matter how technologically advanced you get, people still want to sit around a table, exchange money and move tokens," said Thurston. "People will always want the personal contact and camaraderie of board games."

All of this might seem like a lot of easy fun, but creating a new board game like Elvisopoly is not a cinch. "We have to test-play a new game at least one to two hundred times to work out all the kinks," George said.

Elvisopoly is bound to grace a number of coffee tables at families roll the dice in hopes of snapping the rights to Elvis songs and making them go gold. Games are available in stores, or call daytime for more information (800) 6106593.

"We had a lot of fun creating this game," said Thurston. "It's enjoyable everytime you play."

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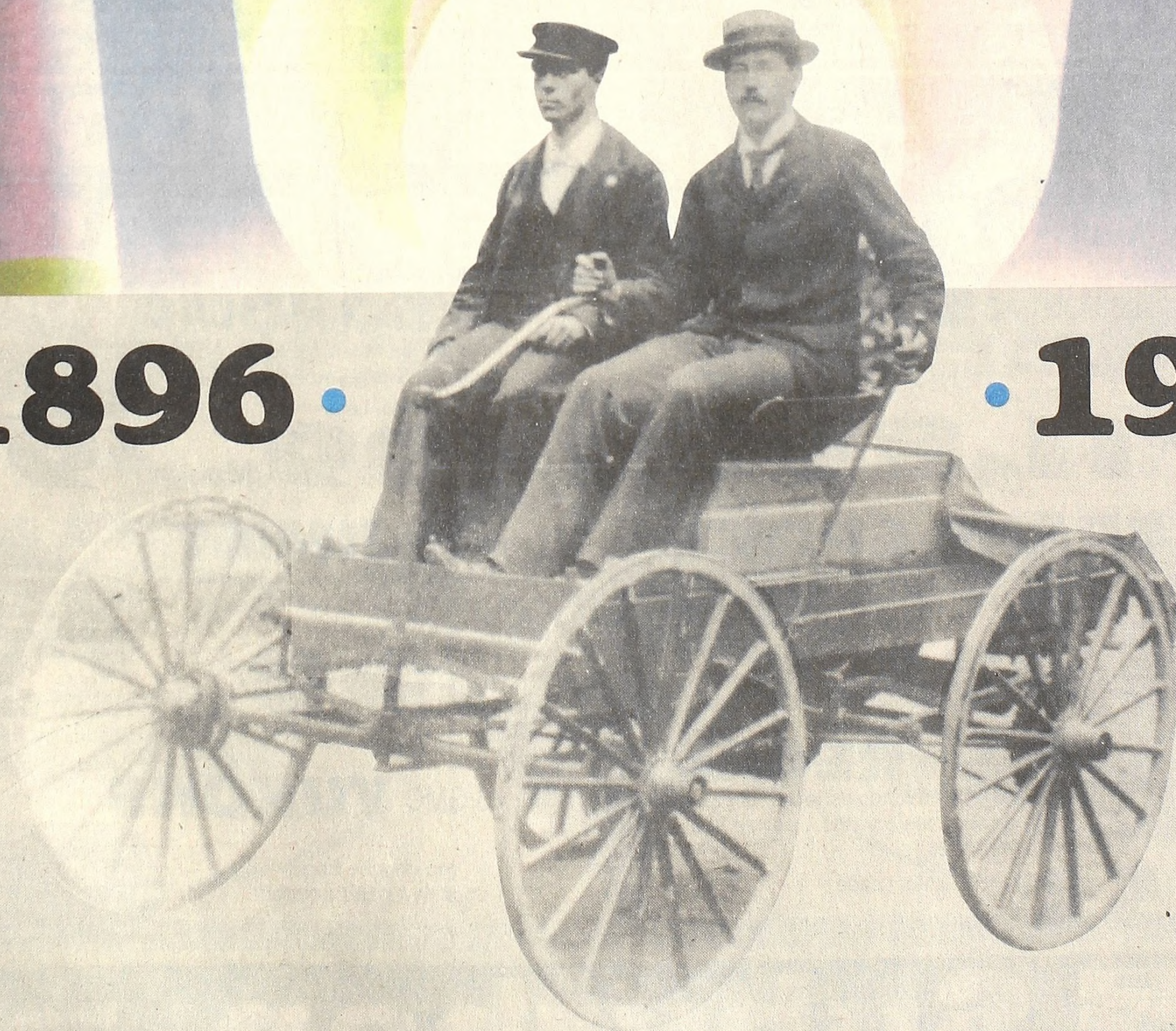
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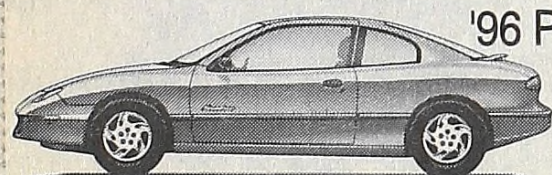
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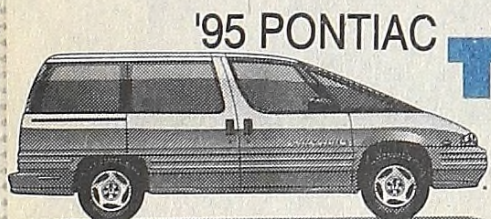
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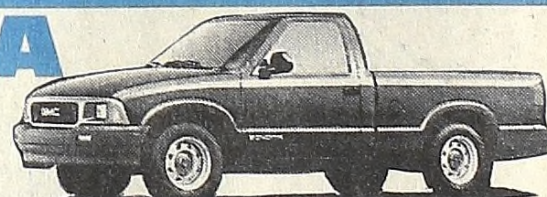
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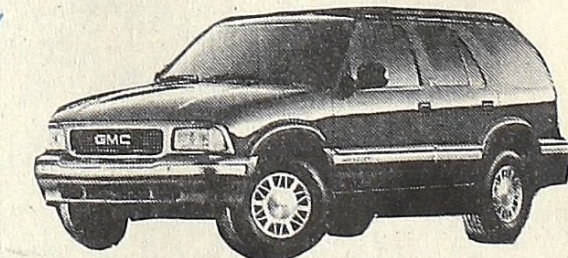
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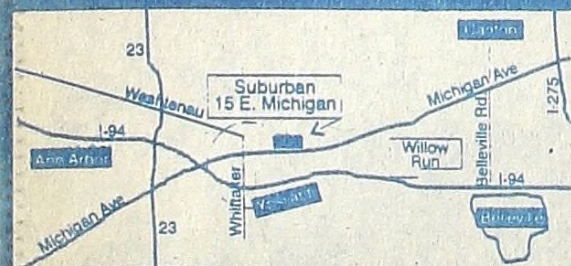
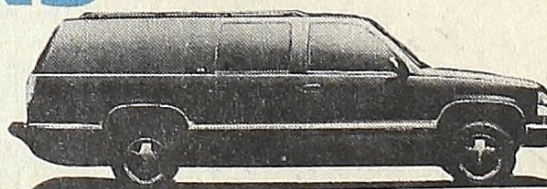
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Concept cars headline American auto exhibit

Automobile manufacturers from around the globe have begun to go public with their plans for worldwide and North American debuts of production vehicles at the 1996 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS).

The list of debuts includes a wide assortment of vehicles, from entry-level economy cars to expensive, lightning-fast sports cars and everything in between.

Sport-utility vehicles, including the first ones ever offered by Toyota's Lexus division and Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Division, both making their worldwide debut, will play a starring role at the 1996 NAIAS.

The next-generation Jeep Wrangler makes its first North American appearance.

Indicating the increasing popularity of trucks, the introduction list also includes pickup trucks and vans, Ford's F-150 pickup truck, the best-selling vehicle in America, and GMC Truck's newest van, the Savana, make their worldwide debut.

Luxury cars also take center stage at the auto show. Some represent the ongoing shift in manufacturing sourcing of luxury vehicles.

For instance, Cadillac will debut the German-built Catera. Meantime, German maker BMW will display its U.S.-built Z3 as well as its new 5-Series from Europe.

Honda's Acura division will unveil its first U.S.-built luxury car, the CL.

High-performance sports cars making debuts at the show include the Lamborghini Diablo Targa, Vector M12, Porsche 911 Targa and Porsche Carrera RS.

The new Audi A4 Quattro, meantime, will be shown for the first time sporting an automatic transmission at the auto show.

Here are some details of only a few of the concept vehicles scheduled for worldwide or North American introduction at the 1996 NAIAS:

MITSUBISHI GAUS

The Mitsubishi GAUS-short for Global Adventure Utility System will make its North American debut at the NAIAS, after premiering at the Tokyo Motor Show in October.

The GAUS is a new-age recreational vehicle. The aim was to produce a roomy cabin, made possible via the long wheelbase and cab-forward layout, in a highly maneuverable and compact body.

The front and rear curbside doors feature a new mechanism that allows part of the door to slide up into the roof while the lower half turns into a retractable step.

Other innovative features include front steps, which rotate 180 degrees to face rearward, and driver-and-passenger-side airbags as well as side airbags built into all seats.

The GAUS is powered by a 2.0-liter DOHC 16-valve turbo-charged engine, which drives all four wheels through a center differential and four-wheel-drive with a viscous coupling unit system.

SUBARU SPORT UTILITY CONCEPT

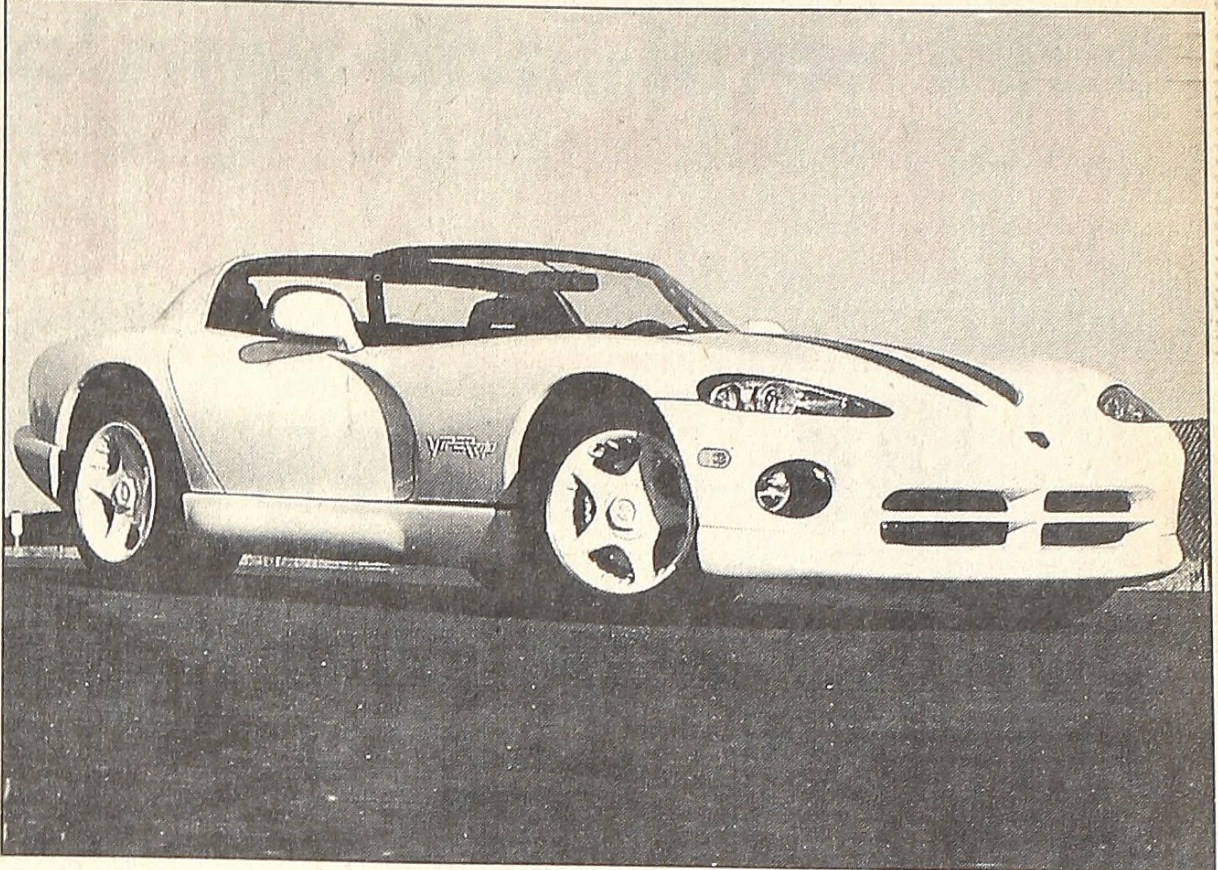
The NAIAS will mark the debut of a sport utility concept vehicle from Subaru of America.

Based on the Streega concept vehicle shown at international auto shows in Frankfurt and Tokyo, the multi-purpose, four-wheel-drive vehicle will be customized for the U.S. market.

The concept vehicle stresses the active safety features Subaru advertises on its current line of vehicles, including four-wheel-drive, traction control and a horizontally opposed engine for a better center of gravity.

GMC SONOMA GT SPORT TRUCK CONCEPT

GMC Truck will unveil to the world a concept of a new Sonoma GT Sport Truck. The extended cab version of GMC's popular small truck is expected to go into production in the next few years.



Since its debut as a concept car in early 1989, the Dodge Viper RT/10 has defined the quintessential American sports car- big blocked, attention grabbing, fast, loud, untamed and definitely a modern standard-bearer for pure American heritage and tradition. While Viper has remained virtually unchanged through 1995, the 1996 Dodge Viper RT/10 will mark the opening of another chapter in an emerging Viper history and tradition. MCN Special Photo

100-year anniversary of auto industry celebrated

To celebrate 100 years of automotive history in Detroit, the Detroit Historical Museum opened the permanent \$2-million Motor City Exhibition at the museum's downtown Detroit location.

The exhibition, which tells the story of Detroit's development as the automobile capital of the world, occupies 8,000 square feet of exhibit space on two levels, and includes 15 interactive displays and videos.

The original body drop from Cadillac's Clark Avenue plant is the premier artifact in the exhibition.

Three vehicles on the line re-create one of the most dramatic and historic assembly-line operations, when the chassis and body were joined together.

Within the exhibition are exhibits covering specific areas of the auto industry's development, including how Detroit became the Motor City.

'96 Auto Show to open Jan. 6 for the public

The schedule for the 1996 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), Detroit's eighth international exhibit, includes a Charity Preview and many exciting displays.

The Charity Preview will take place 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 5. Last year's NAIAS black tie event drew more than 13,500 guests and gathered in excess of \$1.6 million for 10 local children's charities.

The NAIAS will open to the public Jan. 6 and continue through Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 15.

Attendance during the public days of the 1995 NAIAS reached a record 639,569, including a single day record of 135,210 of the closing weekend.

"Staying open for the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday on Monday provides one more opportunity to see what promises to be another outstanding show," said NAIAS Executive Director Rod Alberts.

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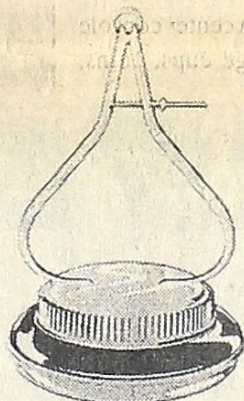
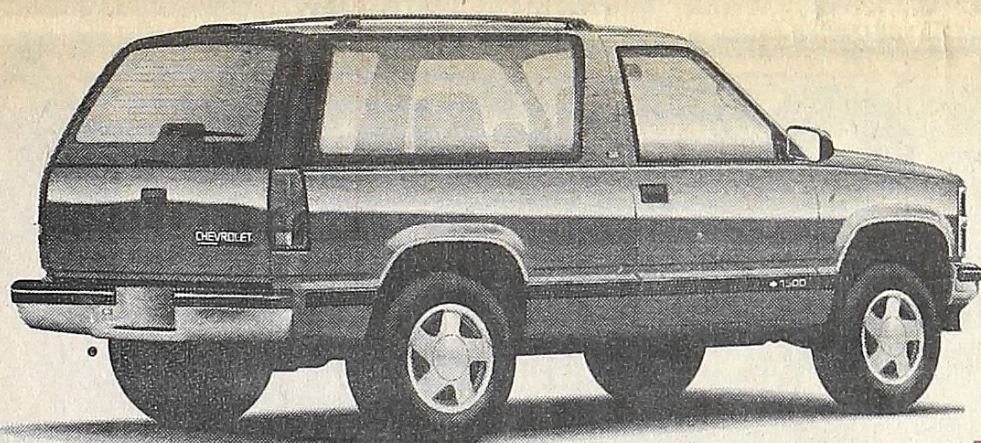
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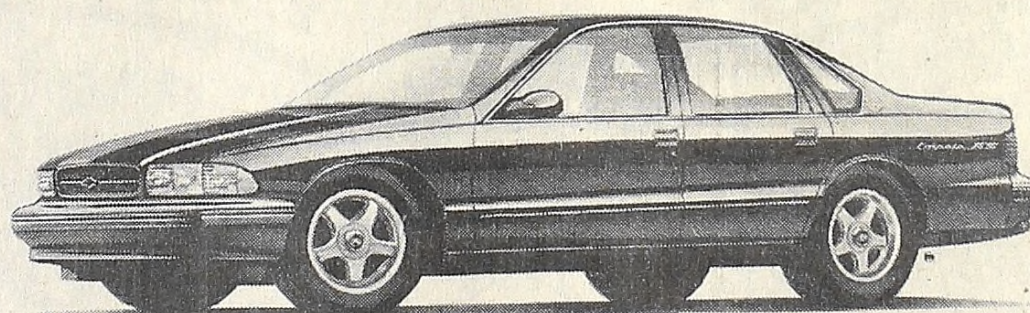
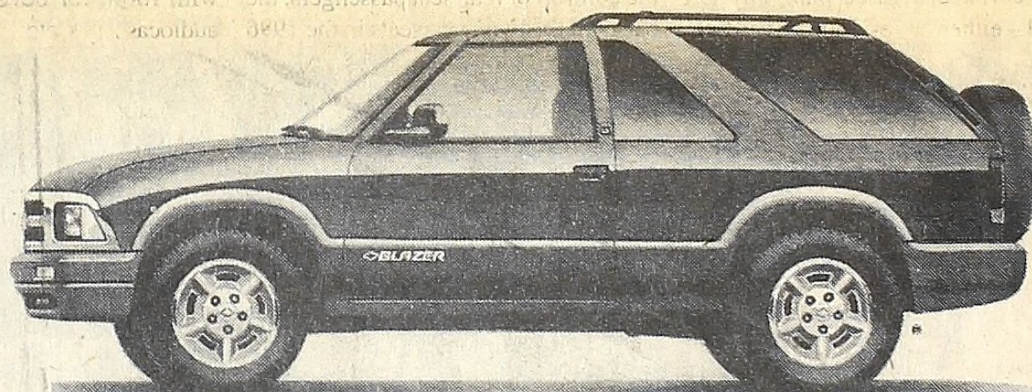


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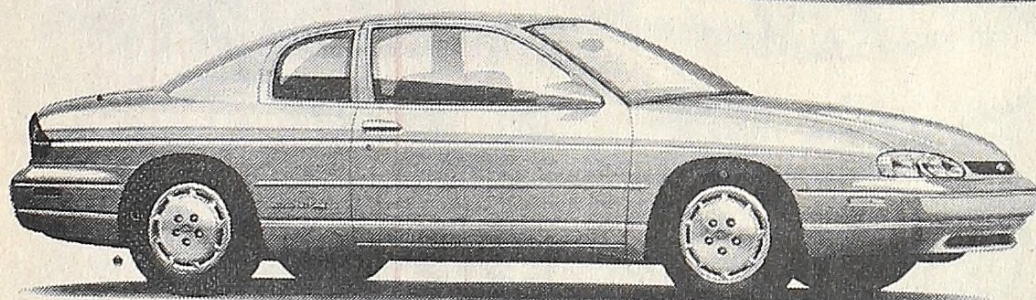
'96 Tahoe Joins '95 Blazer in Coveted Award



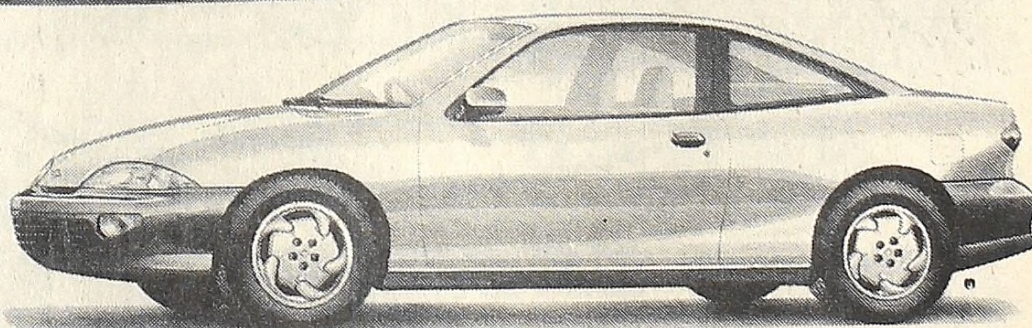
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Ford introduces 'stunning' new lineup for 1996

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With its trend-setting styling, spacious interior, high-performance engines, and customer-oriented new features, the 1996 Taurus is primed to match the sensational impact of the first Taurus 10 years ago.

All 1996 Ford cars come with the peace of mind of 24-hour Roadside Assistance, which delivers tow truck aid in case of a flat tire, empty gas tank or other roadside problem. Ford cars also offer the safety of a standard dual air bag supplemental restraint system. And many 1996 models provide the customer convenience and savings, thanks to 100,000-mile engine tune-up intervals under normal driving conditions with routine fluid and filter changes.

Here is a rundown on Ford Division cars for 1996, ranging from the subcompact Aspire to the full-size Crown Victoria:

FORD ASPIRE

The subcompact Aspire, which comes in three- and five-door hatchback versions, provides interior roominess for four adults and many safety features that are found in more expensive vehicles — including a standard dual air bag supplemental restraint system and standard child-proof rear-door locks on the five-door model. With the rear seat folded down, the three-door Aspire has almost 38 cubic feet of cargo room; the five-door model has 41 cubic feet.

FORD ESCORT

A new electronic controller smooths the operation of the standard Escort engine for 1996. The 1.9-liter four-cylinder engine calls for a tune-up only once every 100,000 miles under normal driving conditions with routine fluid and filter changes. Under the Escort's One Price plan, any LX model — either three-, four-, five-door,

or wagon — is offered at the same Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. The price includes air-conditioning, AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock, dual remote-control mirrors, power steering and rear window defogger. A sport appearance package with spoiler and cast aluminum wheels is available for three-, four- and five-door models at no additional cost. Escort also offers an optional integrated child seat for added security and convenience.

FORD PROBE

The value-priced SE model, which shares the spotlight with the high-performance Probe GT for 1996, further broadens the market for the sporty front-wheel-drive car. Both models have technologically sophisticated multi-valve powerplants, and the 1996 seats have a more luxurious fabric that heightens their good looks and comfort. The GT's sport suspension has been revised to provide a smoother, more comfortable ride while retaining its crisp handling.

FORD MUSTANG

The 1996 Mustang features a freshened exterior with a modified grille treatment, new wheels and new taillamps. The Mustang GT for 1996 is powered by Ford's 4.6-liter single-overhead-cam V-8 modular engine, rated at 215 horsepower. The limited-edition Mustang Cobra is powered by a double-overhead-cam variant of the 4.6-liter V-8 delivering 305 h.p. The 3.8-liter engine in the V-6 Mustang has been improved to perform better and more quietly than the V-6 engine used in previous models. It turns out 150 h.p. The GT and Cobra models feature Ford's all-new Passive Anti-Theft System.

FORD CONTOUR

The five-passenger Contour enters its second year on the market with improvements that enhance its reputation for performance, handling and advanced technology. To increase the comfort of rear-seat passengers, the backs of the two front seats in the 1996

Contour have a scooped design, providing additional knee room. There are also five new colors. Offered in three series, Contour continues to be powered by a choice of two engines — the 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter, 24-valve DOHC Duratec V-6 or the 125-h.p., 2.0-liter, 16-valve DOHC four-cylinder Zetec engine. Both engines are available in state-of-the-art manual or automatic transmissions.

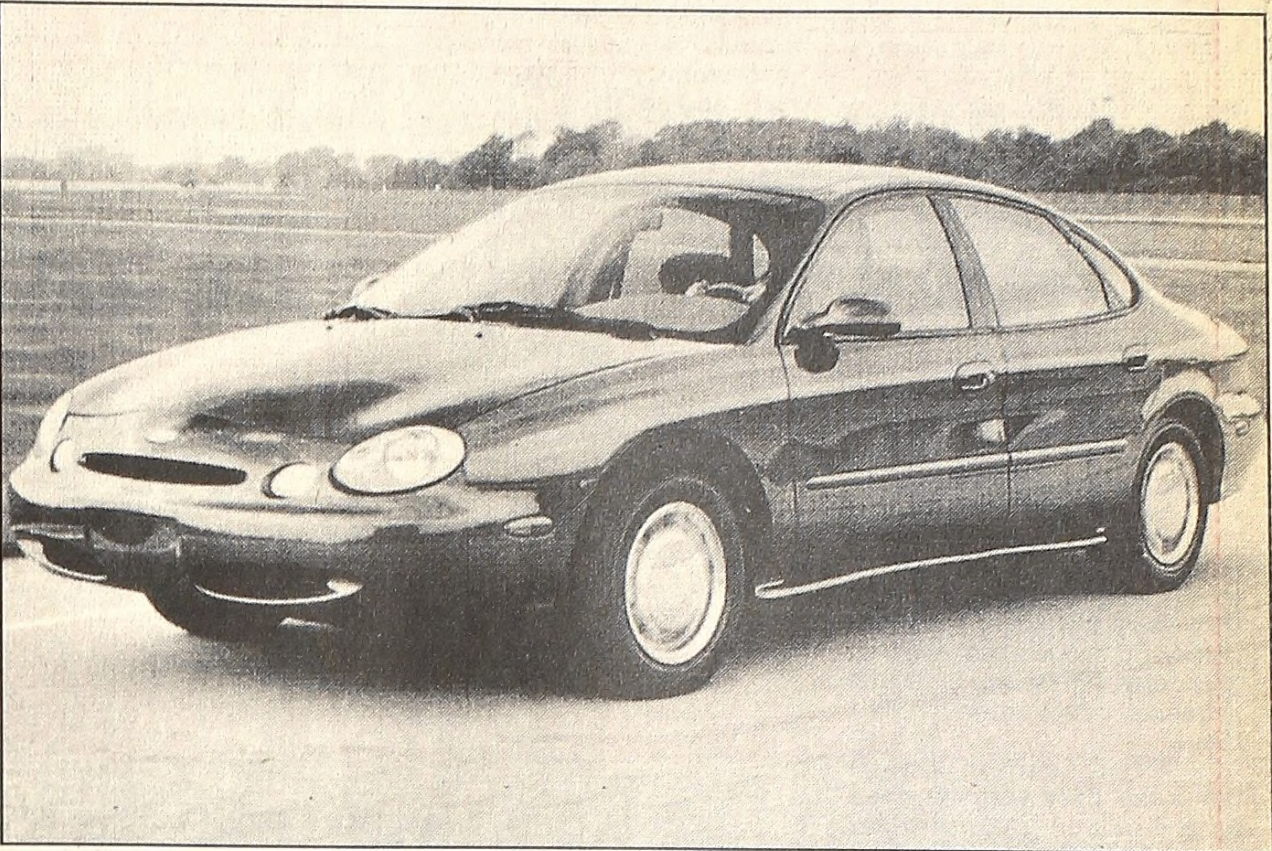
FORD THUNDERBIRD

A fresh new look comes to the Thunderbird for 1996, with styling enhancements to the front, sides and rear. With the elimination of the Super Coupe model, the focus is on the LX series, offered in a choice of two convenient "packages" — one keyed to the 3.8-liter V-6 engine, the other to the performance-oriented 4.6-liter V-8. And a new Sport Package with 16-inch aluminum wheels and a sport-tuned suspension can be ordered for the V-8 version. Optional chrome wheels and a perimeter anti-theft alarm system also are new for 1996.

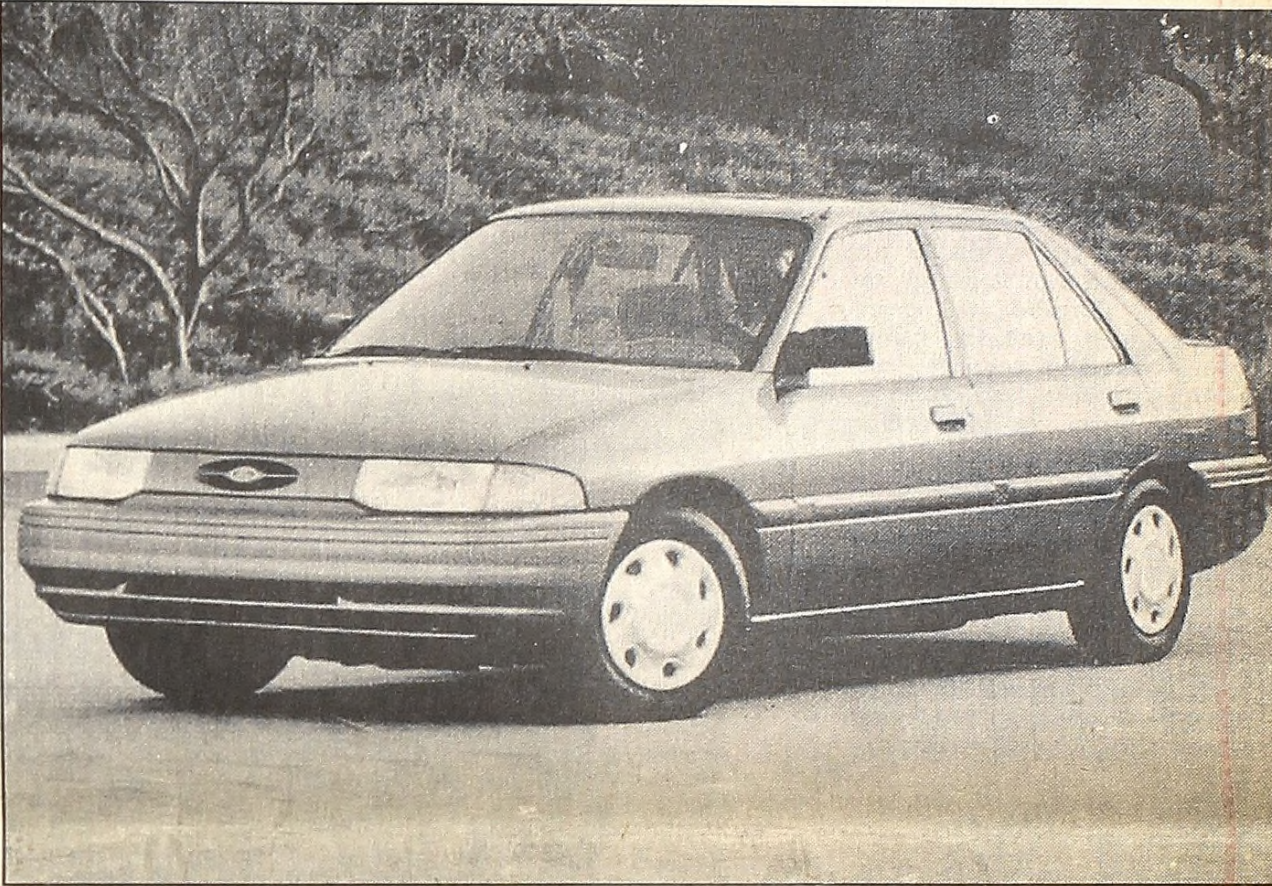
FORD TAURUS

Everything about the totally new 1996 Taurus is designed to make it perform better and be more customer-friendly. Its striking aerodynamic shape, for example, enhances fuel economy and road handling — and reduces wind noise. And the elliptical headlights, with their jewel-like complex reflectors, project a broader, brighter field of light for better visibility. Its rear design features a large, elliptical back window that provides excellent visibility, a low-liftover trunk, and highly visible taillights that are integrated into the body.

Interior user-friendly design elements and features include an industry-first three-way flip/fold console on six-passenger Taurus models that quickly converts from a center front seat with its own safety belts, to an armrest, to a center console with room for beverage cups, coins, audiocassettes, etc.




The 1996 Ford Taurus Sedan (above) and the 1996 Ford Escort LX are just two of the new outstanding models that are now available for consumers. MCN Special Photo



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Engine Escalation

Powerful engines are essential in this segment of the market and the Achieva has the bases covered on that count.

Standard power comes from an all-new, 2.4-liter Twin Cam four cylinder that delivers low-rpm torque, excellent breathing ability and sparkling high-rev performance.

Four-valve combustion chambers and a high (9.5:1) compression ration ensure that every last bit of energy is squeezed from each drop of fuel delivered by an electronic sequential fuel injection system.

A direct ignition system lights the fires with no need for a distributor or secondary wires. A knock sensor permits the engine to run optimum spark timing using 87 octane gasoline without detonation. Twin balance shafts in the oil pan keep this engine smooth and quite at all times.

An aluminum cylinder head, fed by a composite-plastic intake manifold, saves weight. The efficient induction system is quieted by two resonators, a large volume air cleaner, and a pre-plenum expansion chamber. A direct-drive power-steering pump eliminates the need for two pulleys, a belt, two brackets and numerous fasteners. The air conditioning compressor and generator are bolted rigidly to the block to facilitate manufacturing and to avoid unwanted noise and vibration.

When Achieva customers opt for an automatic transmission, they'll now get an electronically controlled, four-speed—an upgrade over last year's three-speed Hydramatic.

The net result is that the new Achieva Twin Cam engine is ready to impress compact-car customers who expect the world and get it.

Both the Achieva SC and SL two- and four-door body styles are available with an optional V6-automatic powertrain that is also improved for 1996.

This 155-horsepower, 3100 SFI prime mover has a stiffer cylinder block and intake

manifold design to reduce noise. Roller rocker arms, in conjunction with roller lifters introduced earlier, trim friction.

Platinum-tipped spark plugs avoid misfire and extend service intervals to 100,000 miles (except for fluid and filter changes). Fill-for-life transmission fluid, long-life coolant and distributorless ignition, all add to this car's ability to

spend its life on the road.

Attention to interior details

Achieva shoppers have a treat in store when they slide inside the 1996 models. The interior has been refurbished from floor mats to headliner.

Air Bags for the driver and front passenger are now standard along with comfortable three-point, pillar-mounted, active safety belts for the front seats with energy-absorbing

safety belt retractors.

Air conditioning is standard equipment and HVAC control knobs are illuminated. The new instrument panel—which utilizes a tubular steel reinforcement to help eliminate squeaks and rattles—has a smart, highly legible cluster with analog tachometer, speedometer, fuel level, and engine temperature gauges.

The console has two handy

cup holders and an auxiliary power outlet. Elegantly designed door trim is clad in soft-feel, foam-backed vinyl. Power mirror and window switches move to the driver's door for enhanced convenience.

Functional options, such as an adjustable lumbar support for the driver's seat, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob have been added.

New '96 Saab models arrive

Never one to follow the worn roads of convention, Saab Cars USA, Inc., the importer and distributor of Saab 900 and 9000 automobiles, debuts several innovations for the 1996 model year. Saab expands its award-winning Saab 900 line with the introduction of a sporty turbocharged version of the popular Saab 900 5-door. Saab emphasizes its strong commitment to the real-world benefits of turbocharging by offering its exclusive Saab Ecopower technology on every body style.

The Swedish automaker's luxurious 9000 line debuts for 1996 with three distinct 5-door hatchback models, the 9000 CS; 9000 CSE and the performance powerhouse 9000 Aero. In addition, both the 900 and 9000 receive a number of refinements to enhance appearance and passenger comfort. The Saab color palette also expands for 1996 with a new "sky blue" metallic paint, available on all 900 and 9000 models except the Aero. Sky blue is a rich medium blue, with a silver undertone and a warm hint of violet.

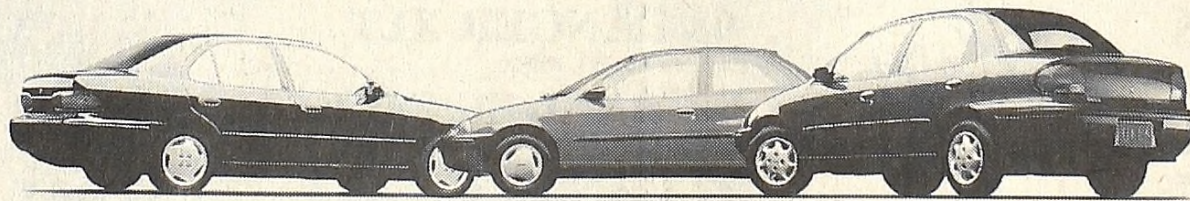
Saab 900 Turbo Sports Sedan
newest member of popular 5-door family

Saab's newest 900 family member is the introduction of the 1996 900 SE turbo 5-door, a sports sedan that combines the driving excitement of Saab's potent 2.0L 185-hp turbo engine with the practicality and convenience of four doors and a cargo-consuming hatchback. By folding the rear seats, the Saab 900 can handle an impressive 49.8 cubic feet of cargo. However, as in every Saab, utility and high performance are not mutually exclusive. The 2.0L Turbo engine benefits from a collective group of technological features known as Saab Ecopower: intercooled turbocharger, four valves per cylinder and award-winning Trionic engine management.

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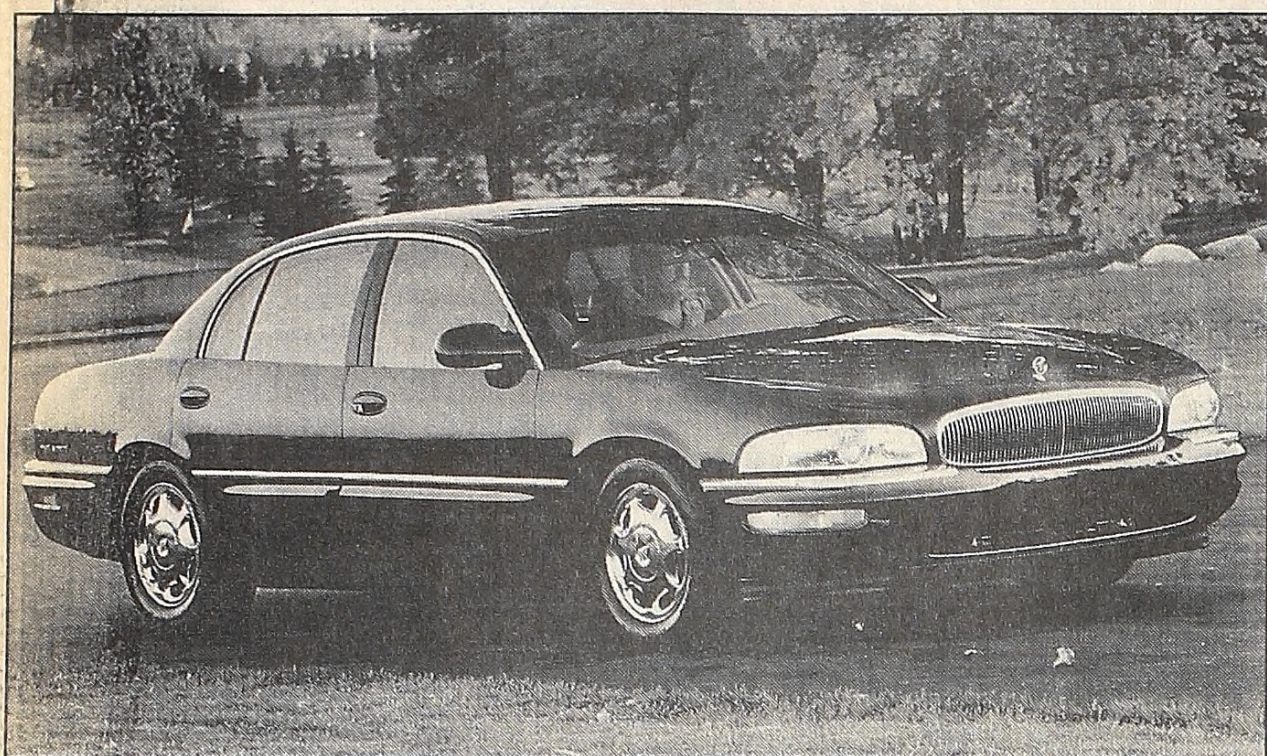
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1997 Buick Park Avenue

Buick Park Avenue elevates in roominess, stature for '96

With the all-new 1997 Park Avenue Ultra and Park Avenue, Buick is "elevating the stature of our flagship sedans in major ways that customers of large luxury sedans will instantly recognize and appreciate," said Buick General Manager Edward Mertz.

The '97 Park Avenue and Ultra, featuring a new world-class structure and new design, will be introduced to the public at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and at the Los Angeles Auto show, both in January of 1996. They will go on sale in dealer showrooms in the fall of 1996.

Park Avenue customers prize roominess, rich accommodations and a quiet, comfortable ride - as well as an attractive value. Mertz said he is convinced the new models will fulfill those requirements.

The most significant change is that the '97 Park Avenue consists of refinement and architectural components (primarily body structure and

chassis systems) recently introduced in the Buick Riviera. Park Avenue is in fact a second-generation architectural design with a host of enhancements.

Park Avenue's robust architecture delivers a wealth of tangible customer benefits: a quiet, solid ride for the life of the vehicle, superior road manners and responsive handling, safety-gauge construction for outstanding crashworthiness and superior comfort.

The '97 Park Avenue is slightly larger than the previous model in practically all major interior and exterior dimensions. For example, the wheelbase is 3 inches longer to increase the room available for the driver and five passengers. The greatest gains in interior spaciousness are front headroom (.9 inch), front hip room (1.3 inch) and rear hip room (1.5 inch). While the new Park Avenue's trunk volume is slightly reduced (from 20.3 to 19.2 cubic feet), its utility is im-

proved because lift-over height is lower and the width of the opening is maximized with the use of diagonal cutlines for the decklid.

One innovation is a new seat-mounted safety belt system for front passengers, designed so the shoulder belt fits comfortably irrespective of seat position and occupant size. In the event of an air bag deployment, the doors automatically unlock in 15 seconds.

Buick Chief Engineer Anthony Derhake said Buick and the car's engineers placed a strong emphasis on perfecting fundamental ride, quietness and comfort attributes, which he calls Park Avenue's "core imperatives." Once that solid foundation was achieved, the design and development team added the wealth of convenience features that large luxury sedan customers expect - plus a few more.

Buick's successful 3800 Series II V-6s will continue to power the Park Avenue.

Jaguar sedan line adds 2 new models

Low, long and sleek, Jaguars have become synonymous with personal luxury in recent years. Now for 1996, Jaguar cars expands its model range with two new long-wheelbase sedans for those who want their back-seat passengers to enjoy all the luxury that Jaguar drivers have always experienced.

The new models incorporate a five-inch stretch behind the center pillar for significantly improved rear passenger comfort and space. The new models - the longest Jaguars ever built - also offer more headroom.

Two of Jaguar's four sedans will ride on the longer wheelbase: The Vanden Plas, which is the high-line model powered by Jaguar's powerful 4.0-liter inline six-cylinder engine, and the XJ12, which has an even more powerful 6.0 liter V-12 beneath its hood.

The standard 113-inch wheelbase returns for the XJ6 sedan and Jaguar's limited-edition performance model, the supercharged XJR.

"With the addition of the

long-wheelbase models, we significantly expand our lineup of luxury cars," said Jaguar Cars North America President Michael Dale. "We continue to offer the XJ series and convertibles that are known worldwide as elegant and sporting drivers' cars, but now we can also appeal to a new group of customers who need more back-seat comfort for friends, families and business associates."

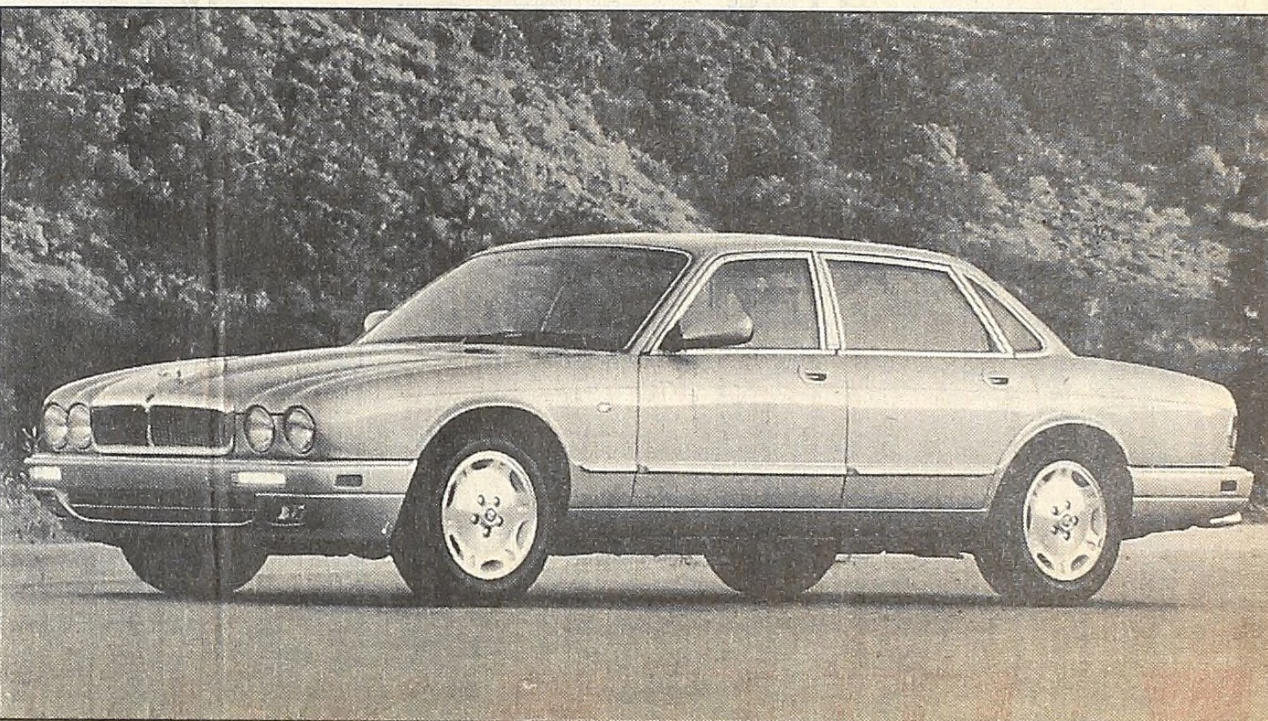
Jaguar has successfully added wheelbase to its sedans before. In 1974 the Series II XJ sedan was created by adding four inches to the wheelbase of the original XJ. Then in 1993 Jaguar offered the Majestic sedan, not exported to North America, with five inches of additional rear-seat room. This was a limited-production, semi-custom car, with much of the body work done by an outside supplier. Its success prompted the decision to build long-wheelbase XJ12 and Vanden Plas models alongside Jaguar's other sedans on the Browns Lane assembly line in Coventry, England.

"Once the decision was made, it took just 15 months to get the Vanden Plas and XJ12 to market," said David Scholes, chief program engineer. "We also took the opportunity to do some upgrading across the sedan line, especially in rear sound deadening - filling voids with foam - and thicker door glass and longer rear springs."

"Finally, we did the entire job with only 50 pounds more weight, and the longer car is just as rigid as the short wheelbase."

The longer wheelbase provides an extra 4.5 inches of rear leg room. Additionally, the roof has been modified to give a half-inch more headroom to both front- and rear-seat passengers while retaining the proportions and driving enjoyment of the standard-wheelbase car.

For those who wish to maximize front headroom, the sunroof can be deleted by special order on any Jaguar sedan, adding yet another inch of headroom for the driver and front passenger.



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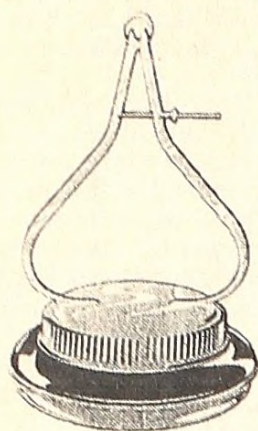
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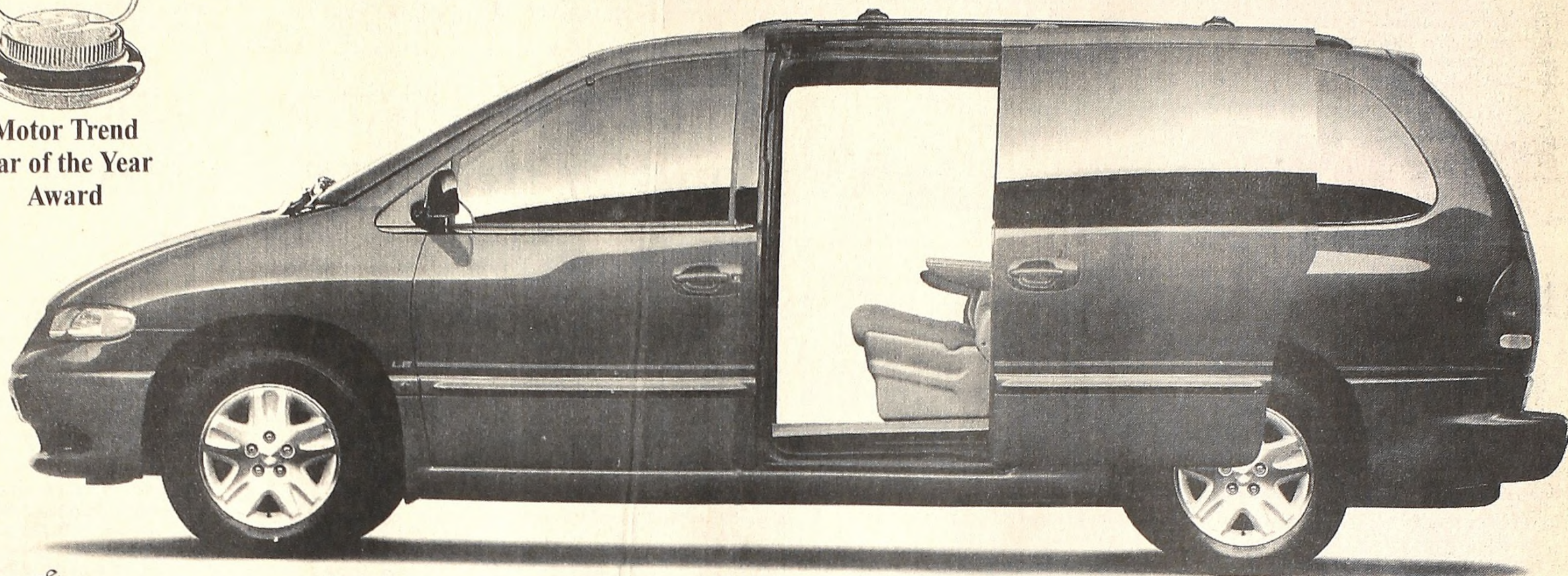
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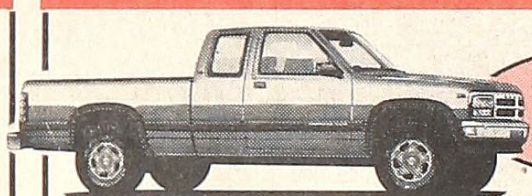
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Jeep Cherokee offers superior performance

Jeep Cherokee, an American classic sold in more than 100 countries worldwide, created the four-door compact sport-utility market and continues to reign as one of the best-performing, capable and affordable compact sport-utility vehicles in the world.

For 1996, Jeep Cherokee receives the same refined high-output 4.0-liter in-line six-cylinder engine featured on the 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee. The 1996 4.0-liter engine has new state-of-the-art aluminum

pistons, a stiffer block, a revised camshaft profile, a returnless fuel system and a new engine controller. In addition, the valve cover has been isolated and a new main bearing brace added.

As a result, the 4.0-liter engine is quieter and more responsive than last year. Peak torque (225 pound-feet) is now developed at 3000 rpm, down from 4000 rpm in 1995; peak horsepower (190) is developed at 4600 rpm, down from 4750 rpm.

Other improvements for 1996 include an automatic transmission/brake pedal interlock, standard heavy-duty battery and alternator, plus standard intermittent wipers. New exterior colors are Lapis Blue, Bright Jade Satin-Glow and Stone White. Magenta and Citron Pearl will be available mid-year.

Standard safety features on Cherokee include a driver-side air bag, front- and rear-door beams for impact resistance and a center high-mounted

stop light. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are available on all models powered by the 4.0-liter engine. Other standard equipment includes power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, full instrumentation and stainless steel exhaust.

The Cherokee model line for 1996 includes the SE, Sport and Country models. SE and Sport are available in either two- or four-door body styles; the top-of-the-line Country is available exclusively as a four-door.

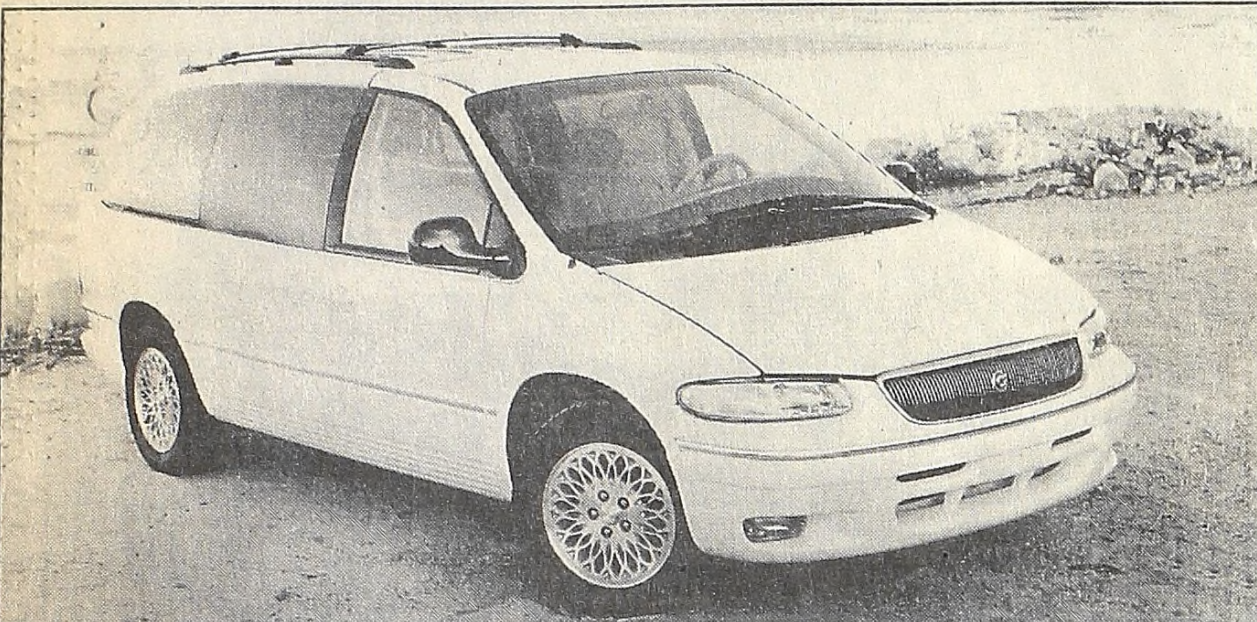
Cherokee SE is equipped

with a standard 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine that develops 125 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. Cherokee Sport and Country are equipped with the 4.0-liter in-line six-cylinder engine.

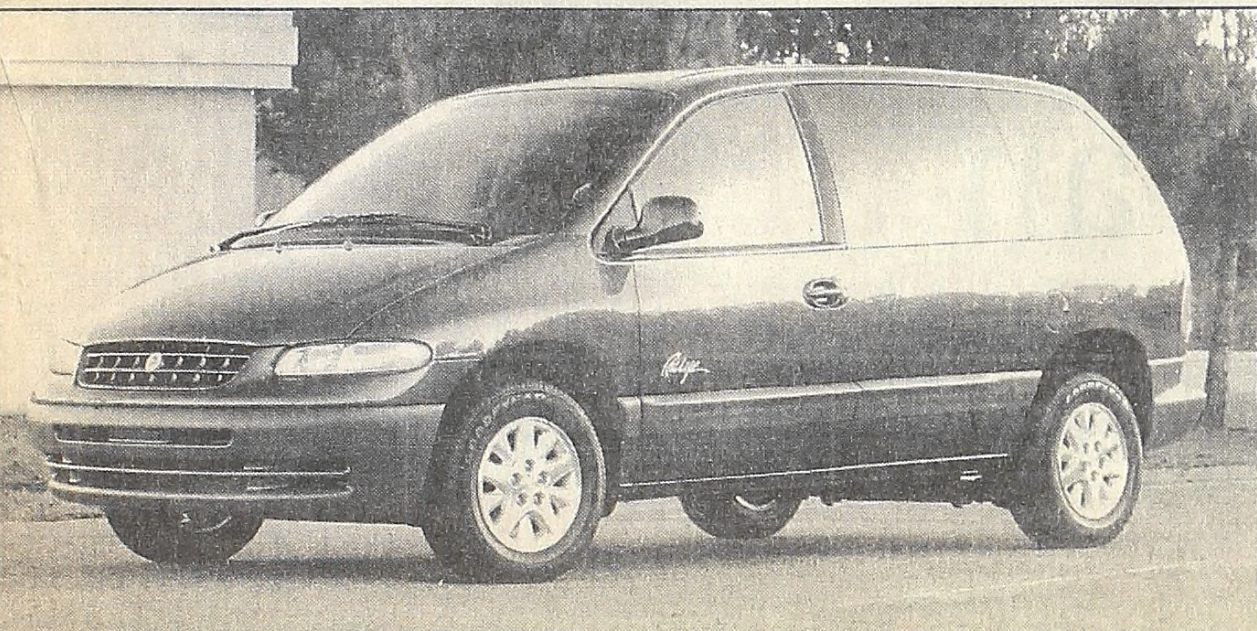
All Cherokee models are available in two- or four-wheel drive. A choice of two "shift-on-the-fly" four-wheel drive systems is available: "Select-Trac" allows the driver to select from two-wheel drive or full-time four-wheel drive modes for most driving condi-

tions, or from part-time four-wheel high or four-wheel low modes for more severe driving conditions. "Command Trac" offers two-wheel drive and part-time four-wheel high or four-wheel low modes.

Jeep Cherokees are assembled in Toledo, Ohio, as well as in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Venezuela, Egypt and China for local markets. Export versions are available in left- and right-hand drive and with an available 2.5-liter turbo-diesel engine.



The 1996 Chrysler Town and Country LXI (above) and 1996 Plymouth Voyager Rallye are expected to be hot on the consumer list this year for style and comfort. MCN Special Photo



'96 Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler minivans combine luxury, style for families

An all-new family of Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth minivans for worldwide markets is being introduced this spring as 1996 models. They will be sold in North America as the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager, and Chrysler Town and Country. In key international markets they will be named Chrysler Voyager and Grand Voyager.

Just as with the current lineup, these new vehicles will combine to make Chrysler the only manufacturer in the world offering a complete range of vehicles, from entry-level high value, all the way up to luxury.

These new Chrysler minivans were developed over a 32-month period at a cost of \$2.6 billion and will be manufactured in three countries on two continents, with a total annual volume potential of over 700,000 units.

Intended to "leapfrog" the competition and continue their global image and sales leadership, these new Chrysler vehicles benefit from the company's pioneering efforts

in developing the segment, leading to innovations in the areas of safety, features, comfort, performance and value.

"In 1991, the redesigned minivans were the start of a generation of all-new Chrysler car, truck, sport utility and minivan products," said Chrysler President and Chief Operating Officer Robert A. Lutz. "Now, we are starting the cycle all over again, while others are just beginning to adopt some of the innovations we've established in the market. These all-new Chrysler minivans are representative of our philosophy in developing products for worldwide markets in the latter part of the decade. Quite simply, our goal is to continue to push the barriers and innovate, going beyond just replacing to reinventing."

The new Chrysler minivans move in this direction by setting new benchmarks with such innovations and features as a left-side sliding door; patented "Easy Out" roller seats, combined with almost endless variations of adjustment; and first-for-minivan features such as dual zone climate control,

memory seats and mirrors. They provide a new level of ride and handling previously only enjoyed in passenger cars. And, they offer best-in-class room, safety, comfort, convenience, quietness, performance, efficiency and value.

"With a worldwide customer base of close to five million owners, it's extremely rare for any manufacturer to introduce a new vehicle type and remain a best-seller for 12 years running," said Chrysler Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, and General Manager of Minivan Operations Theodor R. Cunningham. "In the case of Chrysler's minivans, this has been possible by intensely listening and responding to the needs and desire of this massive customer base, combined with an uncanny vision of the right time to introduce new innovations that take a leap ahead."

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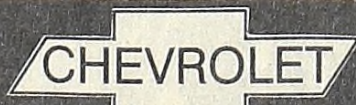
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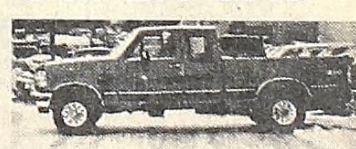
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Here's a brief summary of what's new for each of the Chevrolet 1996 passenger cars:

Cavalier - The 1996 Cavalier offers more value than ever, with features like the 2.4 liter "twin cam" SFI engine, standard in Z24 coupe, and available in LS sedan and convertibles. Inside, Cavalier has a spacious interior. Standard safety features include standard dual air bags, new daytime running lamps and a four-wheel anti-lock brake system. Handling is impressive, which minimizes engine vibration. All in all, the Cavalier for 1996 is stylish, affordable and a terrific value.

Lumina - Lumina for 1996 remains a contemporary, well-equipped sedan built to impressive standards, and is affordably priced. A value leader in the mid-size segment, Lumina features include a powerful 3100 V-6 engine and more interior room than some competing sedans. Dual air bags, theft deterrent system, air conditioning and power door locks are all included on Lumina as standard equipment. And Lumina options include such features as dual-zone temperature controls and steering wheel mounted radio controls which are usually found on more expensive models.

Monte Carlo - Monte Carlo for 1996 is back by popular demand with the same styling and interior designed to deliver comfort levels one would expect in more expensive coupes. New for 1996 are radio controls on the steering wheel,

standard on Z34, optional on LS. Monte Carlo is ideal for drivers who want luxury and performance at a modest price. The performance-oriented Monte Carlo protects its driver and passengers with a comprehensive safety package, including ABS, new four-wheel disc brakes, front and rear crush zones, dual air bags and more - all at an affordable

price.

Corvette - This Chevrolet legend continues its reign as America's favorite sports car with new Grand Sport and Collector Edition models. The former comes equipped with new LT4 engine; the latter boasts Sebring silver paint and other amenities. Both models help celebrate the final year of the Corvette current design life cycle.

The new LT4 V-8 engine is pure automotive adrenalin, with 330 hp at 5,800 RPM, a 10 percent improvement over its predecessor, the LT1.

Caprice Classic - This full-size car remains a luxurious "reward," and dependable value. Standard features include a powerful 4.3 liter V-8 engine, interior room for six, spacious trunk and full-frame

construction, for that "down-the-boulevard-on-Sunday ride." Other features that make Caprice one of the best full-size value in America include dual air bags, ABS and standard comfort features like air conditioning and an AM/FM stereo. Again for 1996, a special value package brings together the options desired by most Caprice buyers.

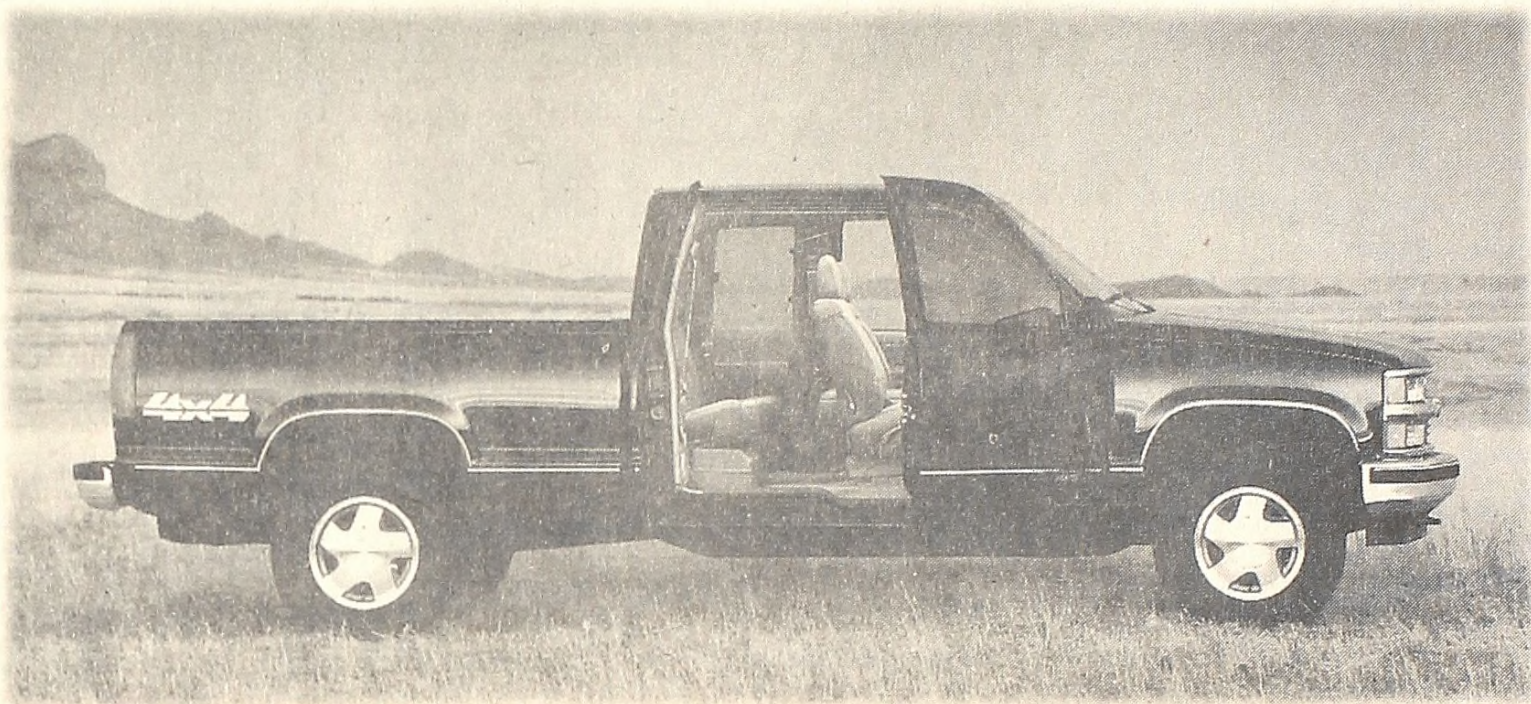
Impala SS - This full-size Chevy packs a Corvette-inspired LT1 V-8 engine with 260 horsepower. The look is mean and clean, with body color grille, black taillight moldings, and body-color wheel opening moldings, door handles and rocker moldings.

Camaro - The Camaro is a sleek, sophisticated car that you can realistically own.

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Powered by a 2.2-liter single overhead cam 16-valve four-cylinder fuel-injected engine rated at 140 hp @ 5,600 rpm and developing 145 ft./lbs. torque at 4,600 rpm, the Isuzu Oasis offers sophisticated automotive technologies geared to ease of operation, long life and efficient performance.

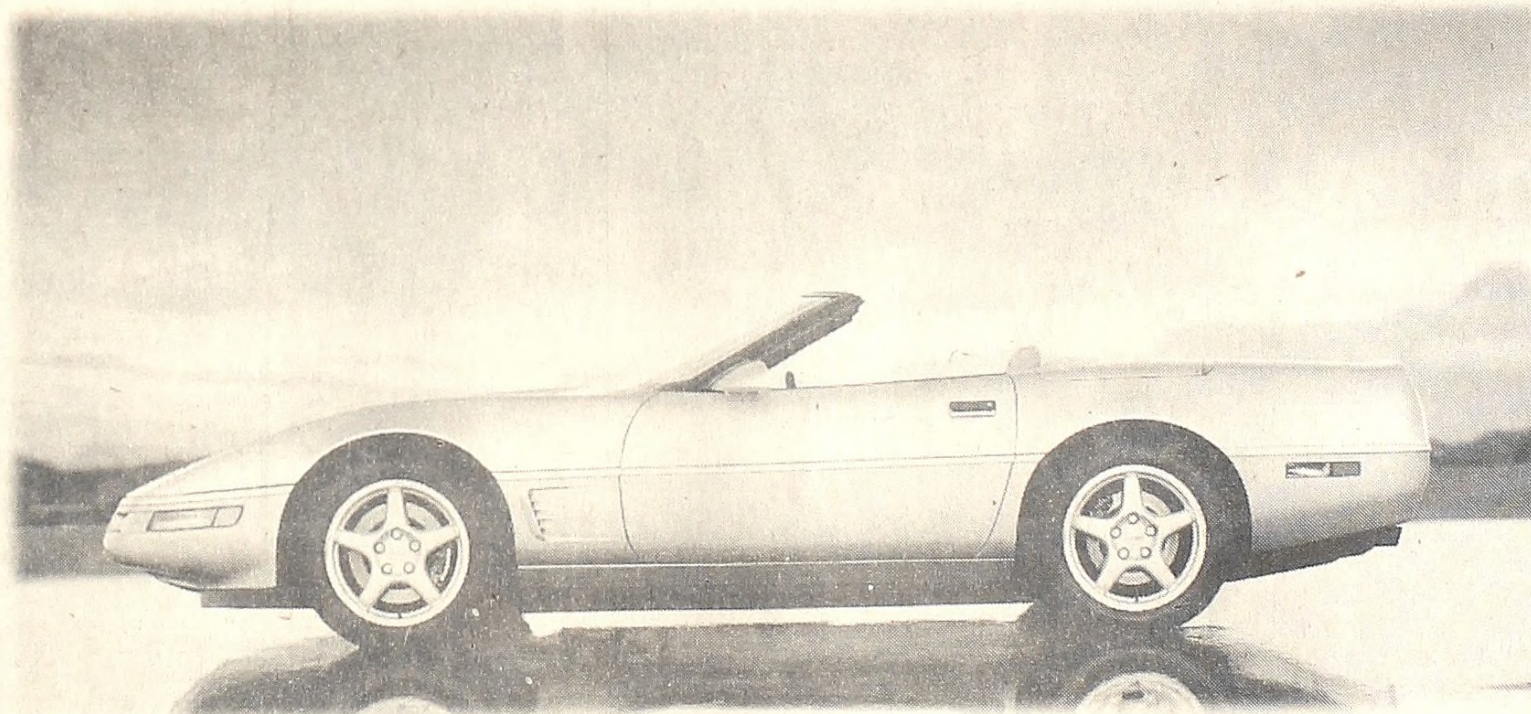
The lightweight cylinder head and block are aluminum die-cast, resulting in a cooler operating, more dependable engine. Its long-stroke design offers strong mid-range torque output and allows closer cylinder-bore spacing. Overall engine length is therefore kept at a minimum, enabling efficient chassis space utilization.

To minimize engine vibration in the mid-to-high rpm range, the engine block incorporates two counter-rotating balance shafts driven at twice the crankshaft speed. This design counteracts the motion of the pistons and connecting rods which may cause unwanted vibrations in conventionally designed four-cylinder engines.

The combustion chambers have a pent roof configuration for optimum fuel atomization and power output efficiency. With a compression ratio of 8.8:1, in combination with electronic fuel management and controlled precise spark timing, the Oasis can utilize regular unleaded fuel with no compromise in performance.

A four-speed automatic transaxle, with direct fourth-gear lock-up, is standard. A three-parallel shaft design permits the use of a fifth clutch that allows the transmission to be held in low gear. This design eases start-up acceleration on upgrades and helps eliminate roll-back when the foot brake is not engaged. The transmission is electronically programmed to momentarily retard the ignition for a smooth, almost continuous power flow which reduces "driveline shock" during shifting.

Home On The Road.



See The C/K Pickup And The Corvette at the Auto Show.

You won't have any trouble finding the Chevrolet exhibit at this year's auto show. Just look for the large crowds. That's where you'll find the Chevy Full-Size Extended-Cab, featuring the new available third door and the mighty lineup of Vortec engines - with more power and more torque than ever. One good look and you'll know why Chevy Trucks are the most dependable, longest-lasting trucks on the road.* But

our trucks aren't the only Chevys that will get a lot of attention. There's the 1996 Corvette Collector's Edition, the Camaro RS with a 200-hp 3800 V6, and the ragtop version of the 1996 Cavalier. They're sure to turn some heads. And they're just a few more reasons why so many Americans trust Chevrolet. So if you plan to check out this year's auto show, feel free to stop by. We think you'll like what you see.



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1996 BMW features major refinements

In 1996, BMW features many innovations and improvements.

1996 8-Series: Significant evolution for a classic sports coupe

This is the top of the BMW's sports line, a pair of 2 plus 2 seats coupes with a highly aerodynamic shape, luxurious yet intimate cabin, and high-technology engineering in every area.

The 840Ci is the V-8 model, and for 1996 it acquires a new, larger engine with 4.4 liters of displacement (vs. 4.0 before) and a 6 percent increase in torque. BMW has also upgraded the V-8 8-Series models with several features from the more upscale 12-cylinder 850Ci: adaptive transmission control of automatic shifting, and Steptronic, BMW's system of manual control of the automatic transmission's gears. New vehicle-speed-sensitive steering is available on both 8-series and the bird's eye maple wood trim that was previously standard only on the 850Ci is now also a standard feature of the 840Ci. All season traction, BMW's highly capable traction control system, continues as standard equipment on the 840Ci.

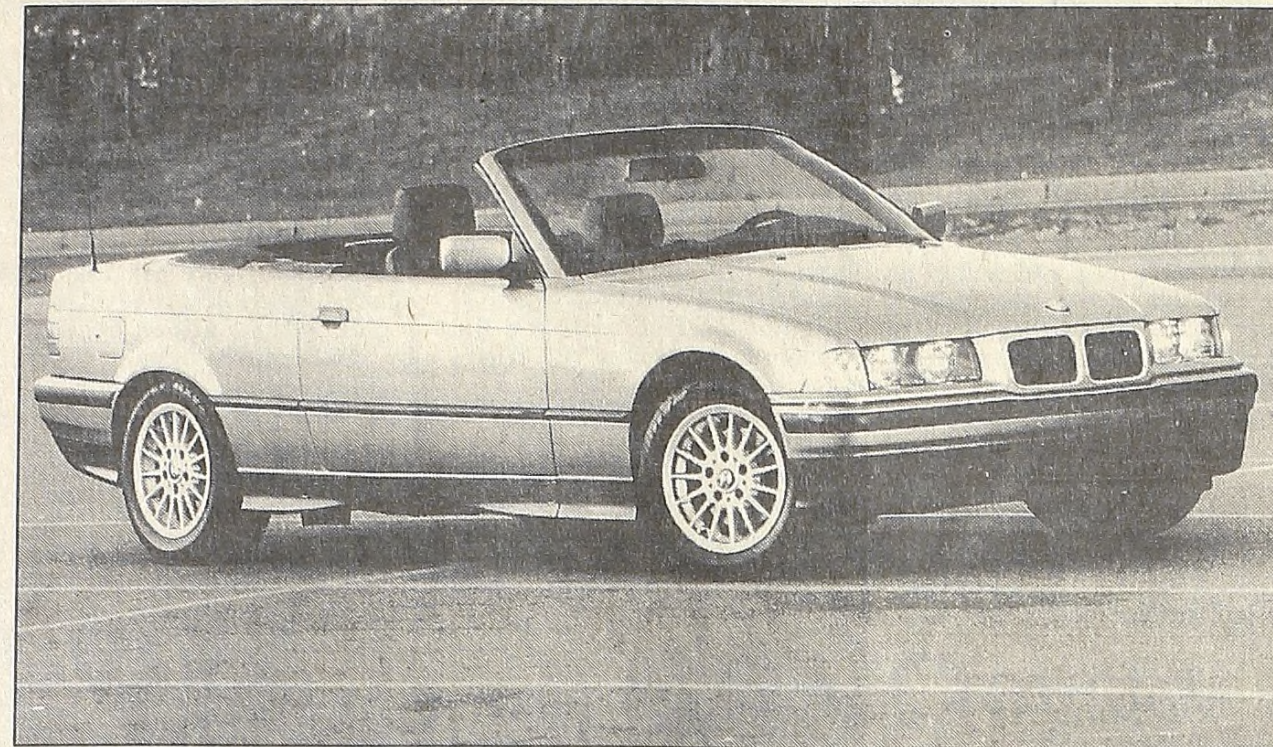
Ad the V-12 model, the 850Ci continues with the 5.4 liter engine and 5-speed transmission (with Adaptive Transmission Control and Steptronic) it acquired last year. Electronic Damping Control has been made standard, and Dynamic Stability Control enhances the All Season TractionSystem with the capability of helping stabilize the vehicle in critical cornering situations. As before, the 850Ci is as completely equipped a sports coupe as you will find anywhere, including a full-featured in-car portable/phone, CD changer and even BMW's full maintenance program in its base price.

The 1996 850Ci is already on sale; the 1996 840Ci goes on sale in February, 1996.

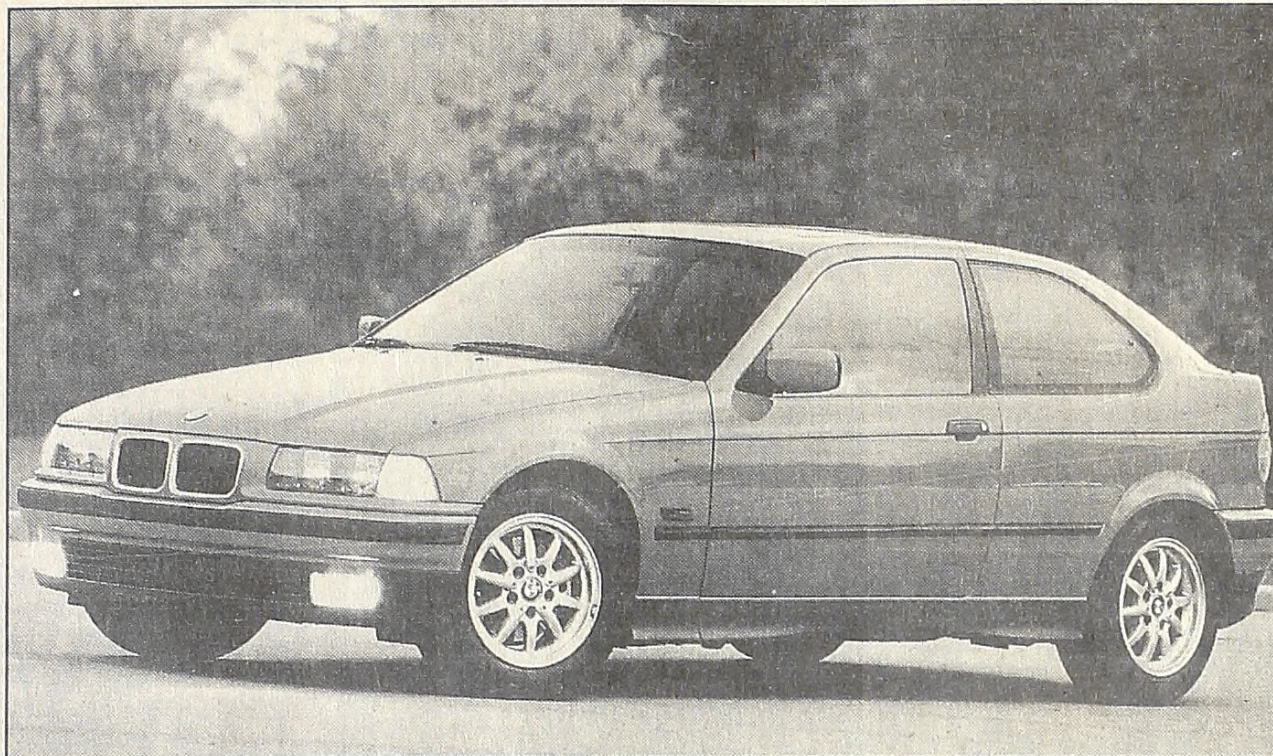
1996 7-series

Not much more than a year ago, BMW introduced a virtually all-new generation of its 7-series. This is the company's flagship line of luxury performance sedans, and a unique concept among luxury sedans in that BMW's concept includes dynamic driving qualities.

The new 7-Series generation takes both the dynamic and the luxury aspects to new levels. Buyers responded by



The BMW 318i convertible seats four comfortably. It has a new 1.9 liter twin-cam, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine for 1996. The BMW 318i offers the convenience of a fully-opening rear door with fold-down rear seats. MCN Special Photo



purchasing or leasing fully 51.7 percent more 7-series models in the first 11 months of 1995 than in the same period a year earlier. Beyond these sheer numbers, however, they responded in a way that dramatically confirms the BMW personality as expressed in these, the largest and most luxurious BMWs. The highly regarded J.D. Power and Associates research organization, famous for its Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) and Initial Quality Study (IQS) and other measures of buyers' satisfaction with their motor vehicles, launched a new market

study called APEAL: the Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout study. The idea, as *The Power Report* puts it, was "the first study of significance to measure how owners really feel - a quantifiable measurement of the intangibles that form the relationship between vehicle and vehicle owner."

The survey's overall winner, by a considerable margin, was the BMW 7-Series. Not only did the series place among the top three vehicles in seven of these categories; it placed first in its own vehicle segment (luxury car) and earned the

highest overall APEAL index of all vehicles surveyed.

This is a considerable accomplishment, of course; beyond this, however, it is a telling endorsement of BMW's philosophy - namely to attend not just to the rational aspects of vehicle design and engineering, but to the emotional factors as well. And now, only in the second model year of this magnificently "appealing" series of automobiles, BMW has given it an impressive round of improvements and enhancements that can only heighten its appeal.

In 1995, the "base" 7-Series

model was the 740i, powered by a 4.0-liter V-8 engine and built on a wheelbase of 115.4 inches. There was also a 740iL, with a longer (120.9-in) wheelbase but otherwise essentially the same as the 740i.

For 1996, BMW has consolidated this offering by offering the 740iL as the only V-8 model in the series. But it is a significantly upgraded 740iL. Under its hood is the same larger, higher-torque 4.4-liter V-8 model as found in the 840Ci coupe, delivering measurably stronger acceleration with an improvement in fuel efficiency. And the All Season Traction system, formerly optional in the V-8 models, is standard for 1996 to help 740iL drivers cope with slippery road conditions.

The 750iL is the top of the series, and one of the most lavishly conceived, designed, engineered and equipped sedans in the world. In fact, when pitted against its two key competitors by *Car and Driver* magazine last August, it won by a comfortable margin. Powered by the same 5.4-liter V-12 engine found in the 850Ci coupe, the 750iL takes BMW's unique driving concept to its pinnacle; beyond the V-8 models' already wondrous array of features and capabilities, it adds Dynamic Stability Control, Electronic Damping Control, and upgraded brake system, forged alloy wheels and host of further interior luxuries. All this continues for 1996, with the addition of a heated steering wheel (heated front and rear seats were already standard).

For the new model year, both 7-Series models come with several detail refinements as well. New seatbelt force limiters further improve the belts' restraint effect in a serious accident; an interior motion detector enhances theft deterrence. A 2-way power moonroof replaces the former steel sunroof; the ergonomics of some controls and features have been refined; and in in-car/portable phone system becomes available for dealer installation. (A fully integrated fixed phone is standard in the 750iL.)

BMW calls the concept of these magnificent sedans Dynamic Elegance. For 1996, the term applies more accurately than ever. The 1996 750iL is already on sale, the 1996 740iL will be on sale in February 1996.

BMW 5-Series

The 5-Series, BMW's "middle" line, is widely regarded as the benchmark for sports sedans. The present 5-Series generation made its debut in 1989, and has undergone careful, meaningful evolution ever since. All 5-Series models got a round of refinements for the 1995 model, including the all-season tires and an expanded range of safety, security and convenience features.

The present generation has been given a crowning conclusion with the introduction of a magnificent high-performance model, the 540i Sport, while the other models- 6-cylinder 525i Sedan and Touring, 3.0-liter V-8 Sedan and Touring, and 4.0-liter V-8 540k in manual or automatic transmission models - will continue to be available until supplies are exhausted.

A limited edition model of the 525i will commemorate BMW's sponsorship of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The 525i "Olympic Games Edition" will be produced in a limited quantity of only 500 and that are available as of late December 1995. It is the newest member of the BMW Exclusive Edition Series and will be the first "Olympic Games Edition" available on the American market.

In April 1996, an all-new generation of the 5-Series goes on sale. Available in two models, the 6-cylinder 528i and V-8 540i.

1996 3-Series

Four 4-cylinder models and three 6-cylinder models make up the 1996 3-Series. All have new engines. The entry-level 318ti 3-door coupe is powered by a new 1.9 liter 4-cylinder engine that delivers more torque, sharper acceleration response and higher fuel economy than its 1.8-liter predecessor. The 318i sedan, 318is coupe and 318i convertible, also powered by the new engine offer four doors, sporty two-door profile and the joy of open-air motoring.

All three 6-cylinder models offer the stronger, more flexible performance of a new 2.8-liter engine that delivers 14.4 percent more torque than its 2.5-liter predecessor. They are the 328i sedan (4-door), 328is coupe (2-door) and 328i convertible with standard power soft top). In all three, new ventilated rear disc brakes enhance fade resistance.

New Infiniti joins lineup at Auto Show

The Infiniti division of Nissan Motor Corporation, U.S.A. got off to an early start on the 1996 model year with the May 1995 introduction of its fourth luxury sedan, the all-new Infiniti I30. The I30 joins the flagship Q45 luxury performance sedan, stylish J30 personal luxury sedan and popular G20 luxury sports sedan. Infiniti will display its lineup of luxury cars at the North American International Auto Show from Jan. 6-15.

"With the Infiniti division experiencing record monthly sales prior to the I30's debut, the addition of our fourth luxury sedan is driving even more consumer interest in Infiniti," said Roger Jolicœur, vice president, Infiniti division. "With this strong sales momentum, coupled with our top quality ranking, the 1996 model year is shaping up as the best year ever in the history of the franchise."

Infiniti scored a double win in the 1995 J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study, with the division named as "Best Overall Car Line" and the Infiniti J30 tying for first place in the "Top Ten Models in Initial Quality" Measurement. The Power study measures the number of problems experienced by new vehicle owners in the first three months of ownership.

The Infiniti G20 joined the J30 in the top ten models list with a seventh place finish, while the Q45 was also ranked in the elite "fewer than 75 problems per 100 vehicles" category. The I30 was introduced after the study was concluded.

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Changes for 1996

The Q45 luxury performance sedan leads the Infiniti line for the sixth year with two versions - the Q45 and the Q45 with touring package (Q45t).

Refinements for 1996 include the addition of an OBD II diagnostic system to the comprehensive engine management system and two new exterior colors - Cypress pearl and Bordeaux pearl.

Like the Q45, the Infiniti J30 personal luxury sedan is offered in two versions: the fully equipped J30 and the sportier J30 with touring package (J30t). For 1996 the J30 receives the OBD II onboard diagnostics system and three new exterior colors - Cabernet pearl, Bordeaux pearl, and Cypress pearl.

The G20 and G20t, Infiniti's front-wheel drive luxury sports sedans, are fitted with A/ELR seat belts for front passenger and rear outboard positions. In addition, the G20 receives a new simulated wood trim when equipped with the leather appointment package.

A brief outline of Infiniti's 1996 lineup follows:

The Q45 Luxury Performance Sedan

Every Q45 includes an im-

pressive collection of technical innovations: A 278-horsepower all-aluminum V8 engine, an advanced automatic transmission and the Q45's patented multi-link suspension, just to name a few.

Inside the elegant Q45 is a fully equipped luxury interior with plenty of room and comfort for five adults. Extra attention to detail can be seen in items such as the Q45's automatic entry/exit system. When the key is removed from the ignition, the seat and steering wheel automatically retract for easier exit and entry. Once the key is re-inserted, the seat and steering wheel adjust to their previous positions. Other comfort and convenience features include standard leather seating surfaces, automatic temperature control and a Bose audio system.

Every Q45 also comes equipped with a full array of standard safety equipment, including dual air bags, pretensioner front seat belts and four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock braking system (ABS) assistance.

The top-of-the-line Q45t adds a multi-disc CD auto-changer, heated front seats, rear stabilizer bar, performance alloy wheels and rear deck lid spoiler with special "t" badging.

The J30 Personal Luxury Sedan

For 1996, the J30 remains one of the most innovative designs on the road. Conceptualized at Nissan Design International in La Jolla, Calif., the J30 provides coupe-like styling with the practicality of a four-door sedan.



The 1996 Infiniti G20 (top) and the 1996 Infiniti G20t are on display at the North American International Auto Show this week. MCN Special Photo

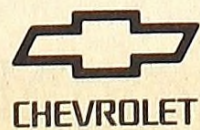




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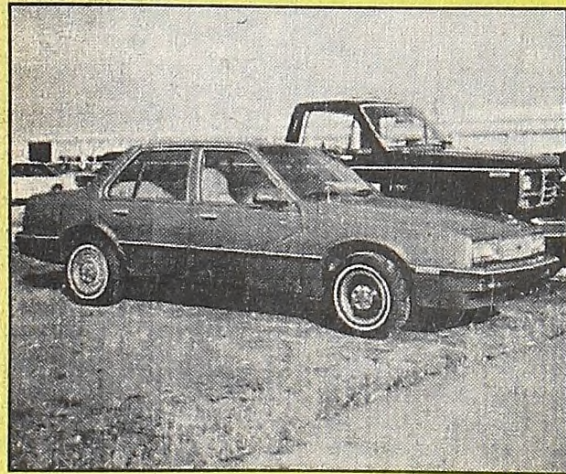
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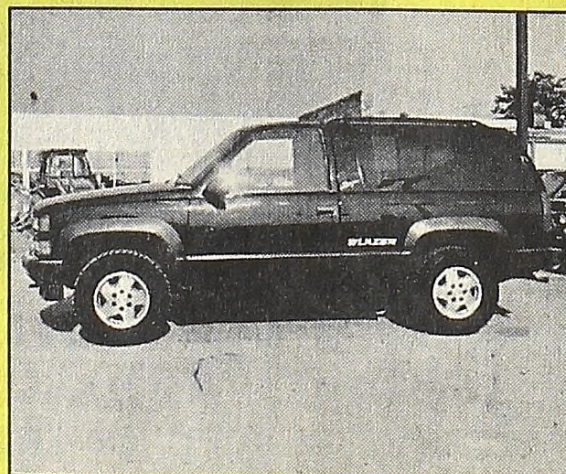
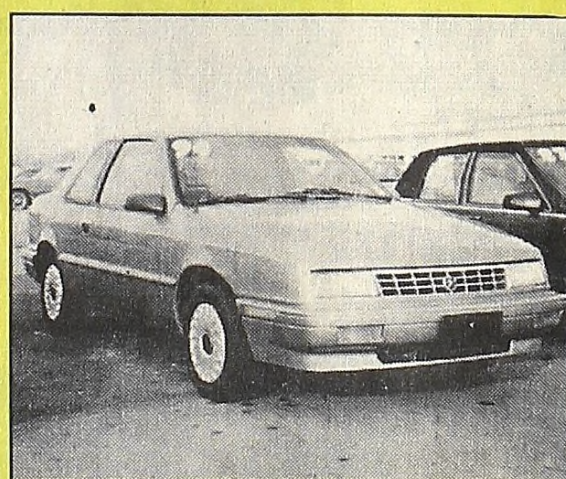
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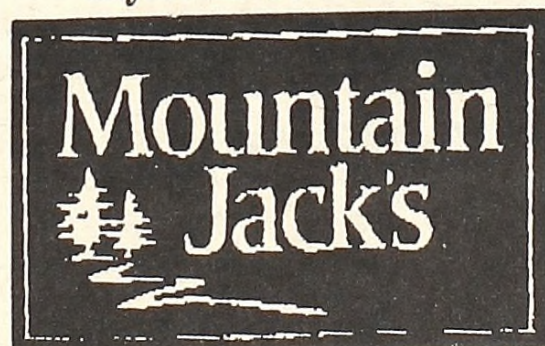
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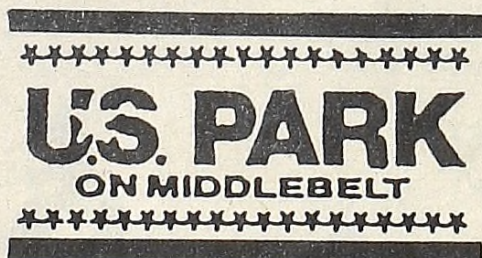
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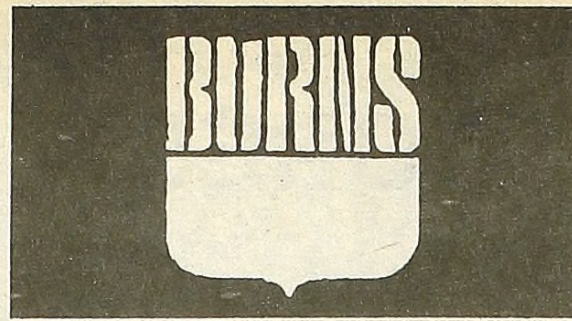
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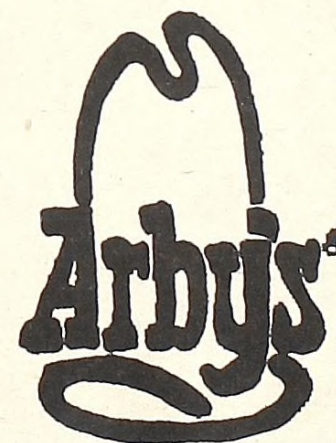
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